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20 killed as girder launcher falls in Thane

Abhinay Deshpande
THANE

Twenty people, including two site engineers and 12 workers, were killed when a girder launcher collapsed on them on Monday night at a Samruddhi Expressway work site in Maharashtra's Thane district.

The accident occurred during the third phase of construction of a viaduct on the Mumbai-Nagpur expressway. Officials from the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC), which is executing the project, said the incident took place around 11.30 p.m. at Khutadi Sarlambe village. "The launching gantry, along with segment launcher (crane), weighing 700 tonnes, came crashing down from a height of 35 metres," an official said.

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The police, local people and rescue services personnel at the accident site in Thane district on Tuesday. PTI

Imam killed in attack on Gurugram mosque

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

The 26-year-old Imam of a mosque in Gurugram was killed when an armed mob attacked the place of worship early on Tuesday, exacerbating communal clashes in parts of southern Haryana that have left five people dead, according to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. Sixty people have been injured and 44 first information reports (FIR) registered so far.

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Bescom issues zero bills under Gruha Jyothi

The Hindu Bureau
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Bescom on Tuesday issued zero bills under the Gruha Jyothi scheme to many consumers for the July billing cycle. The bills display the consumer's registration date for the scheme, their average consumption for FY 2022-23, and their entitled units (average consumption plus 10%).

The formal launch of the scheme is scheduled on August 5 in Kalaburagi. The launch will be attended by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Ministers.

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Manipur status report on FIRs shows there is no law and order: SC

Bench flags 'tardy' police probe, late registration of FIRs and recording of witness statements; directs Manipur DGP to be present in court on Aug. 7

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Manipur government's status report on 6,523 FIRs points to an "absolute breakdown of the constitutional machinery" in the State since ethnic violence broke out at the beginning of May, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday.

"This shows that from the beginning of May till the end of July, there was was no law in the State... a complete breakdown of law and order. If law and order cannot protect citizens, where are we left?" Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a three-judge Bench, asked the Manipur government, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta.

The Supreme Court directed the Manipur Director General of Police to be personally present in the Court on August 7 at 2 p.m, adding that he should be in a position to answer the questions of the court.

The court said that, on *prima facie* analysis, the police investigation was "tardy". There was a "considerable lapse of time" between the incidents and the registration of FIRs and recording of witness statements. Arrests were "few and far between", it noted.

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'Karnataka MLAs' assets highest among all States'

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The total assets of the 223 MLAs in Karnataka stands at a staggering ₹14,359 crore. This is the highest among all States and Union Territories in India.

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One for both: While Stokes' men denied Cummins' side Ashes glory on English soil yet again, the Australians retained the urn as the series was drawn 2-2. GETTY IMAGES

Ashes 2023 will serve as a good advertisement for Tests

Both England and Australia gave it their best shot though the end result — a 2-2 draw in the five-match joust — seemed fair and unfair to either of them; the series, which will be remembered for a long time and rated as one of the best, also had its share of controversies

Sankar Narayanan E.H.

The Ashes 2023, arguably one of the most memorable spectacles in cricket history, has come to a close with England defeating Australia by 49 runs in the final Test at The Oval. Right from the very first ball of the series that Zack Crawley crashed to the boundary line, a lot has happened on and off the field in an eventful clash between two titans of the world.

'To each, their own' is a phrase that has relevance to the way the Ashes was played.

While the home side came out all guns blazing with its famed Bazball ploy, the visitors replied with their own style of dominance through a mixture of attrition and calculated risks.

Brendon McCullum's side had the intent to score at a quick pace right from the word go. The Aussies stuck to their plans and scored at their own pace.

Two different brands

"We saw two different brands, both teams stuck to it and it is great that Test cricket is thriving the way it is. We felt at different stages that it looked a bit different to traditional Test cricket," said Australia's Player-of-the-Series Mitchell Starc after the fifth Test.

Both teams gave their best and the end result – with the final scoreline reading 2-2 – seems fair and unfair at the same time to either side.

The urn is going down under, but it is a tale of what could've been for both the teams as this series could've ended anywhere between 4-0 and 0-4 given the closeness of all the matches except the rain-curtailed drawn fourth Test in Manchester. Both camps would be having mixed feelings about the final outcome of the series as just a hint of luck would have created history for one or the other.

Lost opportunity

Pat Cummin's men retained the Ashes by virtue of being the defending champion, but they would certainly be looking at this tour as a lost opportunity to win an away Ashes series for the first time since 2001.

Victory escaped them tantalisingly in Headingley and The Oval, and the fact that this was probably the last chance for some of Australia's stalwarts like Steve Smith and David Warner to tick the box for an away Ashes series win would hurt the side that much more.

"Two really high-quality teams, every session was shared so I think 2-2 was fair. We said we were over here to win the Ashes. Unfortunately not to be. We can be hugely proud of retaining the urn, but of course we wanted to come over here and win. Not to be, but a great series," said Cummins after the final Test.

The Ashes series in numbers

BATTING

	M	Inns	Runs	Balls faced	HS	Avg	SR	100s/50s
Khawaja	5	10	**496**	1263	141	49.60	39.27	1/3
Crawley	5	9	**480**	541	189	53.33	88.72	1/2
Root	5	9	**412**	551	118*	51.50	74.77	1/2
Stokes	5	9	**405**	626	155	45.00	64.69	1/2
Smith	5	10	**373**	665	110	37.29	56.09	1/2

BOWLING

	M	Inns	Wkts	Balls bowled	BBI	Avg	SR	4W/5W
Starc	4	7	**23**	769	5/78	27.08	33.43	2/1
Broad	5	10	**22**	1106	4/65	28.40	50.27	1/0
Woakes	3	6	**19**	680	5/62	18.14	35.78	1/1
Cummins	5	9	**18**	952	6/91	37.72	52.88	1/1
Hazlewood	4	7	**16**	666	5/126	31.68	41.62	0/1

Missing Lyon

One of the reasons England could make a miraculous comeback after the first two Tests was the visitors losing off-spinner Nathan Lyon due to an injury at Lord's. The visitors' weakness was exposed with this whereas England strengthened its team with the inclusion of Chris Woakes, who won England's Player of the Series award, Mark Wood and Moeen Ali.

Even though Mitchell Marsh and off-spinner Todd Murphy stepped up when needed, Lyon's guile at one end of the pitch was missed as England had its way in attacking the weakened Aussie bowling line-up.

The rate of progress

A look at the run-rate of the teams during Ashes 2023

	England		Australia	
	1st inns	2nd inns	1st inns	2nd inns
1st Test	5.03	4.11	3.32	3.04
2nd Test	4.25	4.01	4.13	2.73
3rd Test	4.51	5.08	4.33	3.33
4th Test	5.49	DNB	3.50	3.01
5th Test	5.17	4.82	2.85	3.52

> What a series to be a part of! I think that's what Test cricket needed. We've been very vocal about our objectives, and I think this series has done that... it's attracted a new audience
>
> **BEN STOKES**

This series had a bittersweet touch for the home side as well. While it can be proud of the way the team bounced back after being 0-2 down, a series win was on the cards and the double-edged sword in the form of Bazball meant that England was always vulnerable to a more methodical Australia.

The same strategy that cost the English side in the first Test when it declared early in the first innings to take quick wickets also helped it be at its best, as evidenced by, among others, breathtaking knocks from Stokes and Crawley.

Prolific Broad

The series will also be remembered for Stuart Broad, who announced his retirement from cricket during the final Test. He walks away as the most prolific English bowler in Ashes history with 153 Aussie wickets to his name in 40 matches. Rivals Australia giving a guard of honour to Broad as he walked out to bat for one final time, with fellow fast bowler James Anderson alongside him, was indeed a sight to behold from this series.

Apart from retirements and the conflicting modus operandi, the Ashes 2023 also had its fair share of controversies which will be remembered for a long time.

The first major debate of the series came in the second Test when wicketkeeper Alex Carey stumped Jonny Bairstow who wandered out of his crease before the ball was called dead. Tempers flared high as even the Prime Ministers of both countries had a say in whether Carey's actions were in the 'spirit of the game'.

The final Test saw England getting a replacement ball that was harder compared to what was being used, which arguably gave the home side an advantage to bowl out Australia. There were reports that England refused to come out for customary post-series drinks after the final Test as well. However, Stokes has clarified that the teams decided to meet up later outside rather than in the dressing room.

All things considered, the question of what Ashes 2023 will be known for is anyone's guess. But, remembered it will be, for it had the best of cricket on display as well as the side stories that give the game its vibrant life.

Became coach by chance: Arul

K. Keerthivasan

Arul Selvaraj, head coach of the Malaysian men's hockey team, is quite different than most.

Having been left out of the National team as a player on numerous occasions in the past, Arul decided that when he got the chance to select players, he would do it on his own terms and never put too much emphasis on skill alone.

In Chennai for the Asian Champions Trophy scheduled from August 3 to 12, the 49-year-old, whose father was born in Kumbakonam, revealed why he chose to adopt his own ideology while choosing players.

Arul said he was dropped more than seven times from the National team in several tournaments, including the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Asian Games and the Olympics. He had to fight hard and prove his worth before finally taking part in the 1998 Utrecht World Cup.

"I was disappointed in the way it [Malaysian hockey] was run, where committed, disciplined and fit players were not seen much and they were looking more at skillful players. So, when I came back, I quit. I became a coach by chance, and I carried the ideology that I would never pick players based on favoritism or just skills. I would select them based on trust, communication, and hard work. Hockey skills was my last selection criteria."

In the three years since taking charge from Dutchman Roelant Oltmans, Arul has done well in keeping the team motivated, and most importantly, working as a cohesive unit.

Malaysia won its first big title at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in June 2022 before finishing 13th in the World Cup in January. And in the four friendlies against a strong Korean team in June, Malaysia drew two matches, lost one and won one. According to Arul, the team has devised a new strategy and has improved in several areas, and added that everything will be unveiled in Chennai. "Wait and watch," he said.

As a coach, Arul wants the players to think for themselves as the coach is just a tool to improve their skill- set. "I have made them think and behave like a coach and go out and play like a coach so that they can take better decisions."

Arul was recently named the Coach of the Year. He has the complete support of his players, nine of whom have played more than 100 Internationals. His pillars of strength are Rahim Razie and Marhan Jalil, the captain, who between them have nearly 600 International games.

For all the accolades that have come his way, he has not forgotten his Kumbakonam roots. "I am proud of being a Tamilian and be the coach of my team in the land where my father was born."

Arul said he had vivid memories of Chennai when he came to play in the Chief Minister's Cup in 1997. Whenever there was a mention of his name, the crowd erupted.

"My Chennai memories as a player are from the Chief Minister's Cup in 1997. The then CM M. Karunanidhi was the one who gave me the prize. And also, the Abu Palace Hotel. After the match, when the announcer mentioned my name, the crowd got wild, and if I spoke in Tamil, there is was excitement."

In many ways, Malaysia has been an under-achiever for the support it gets and the infrastructure it has. Most importantly, the side hasn't qualified for the Olympics in five previous editions. One of Arul's main objectives, apart from doing well in the Asian Games (it has won four gold medals), is to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

He has the pedigree to deliver as he has worked under several legendary coaches including Paul Lissek, Maurits Hendricks and Paul Revington.

His aim is to do well at the Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai, bag a gold in Hangzhou Asian Games and qualify for Paris Olympics. He could well do all that and more. But before that, he would do well to visit the place he last stayed – Abu Palace Hotel in Purasawalkam, Chennai, during the 1997 CM's Cup in Chennai!

Ban on slow-moving vehicles on expressway begins

National Highways Authority of India deploys personnel at all entry and exit points on the 119-km-long six-lane highway to enforce the ban; auto drivers and bike riders express displeasure

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The ban on two-wheelers, autos, tractors, non-motorised vehicles, multi-axle hydraulic trailer vehicles, and quadricycles from the main carriageways of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway from August 1 began with diversions and fines.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) deployed personnel at all entry and exit points on the 119-km long six-lane expressway to enforce the ban. When *The Hindu* visited the expressway on Tuesday, the NHAI and police personnel were diverting slow-moving vehicles towards the service road, and imposing a penalty on violators.

Personnel diverting a two-wheeler at an entry point on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway on Tuesday.
BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

A police official, posted near Anchepalya where the expressway begins, told *The Hindu*, "If any slow-moving vehicle tries to enter the expressway, we impose a fine of ₹500. We have put up boards alerting such vehicles not to enter the expressway."

However, auto drivers and bikers were upset with the decision of the NHAI. Manjunath K., an auto driver, said, "Auto drivers are not involved in any accident so far. Then, why are we banned? This ban will impact our business. The authorities have to reconsider the decision."

Sam Ronaldo, a biker who usually takes the expressway to Ooty, said, "Bikers drive at over 60 kmph. Then, how are we slow-moving vehicles? Most two-wheelers are not slow-moving vehicles. The NHAI should allow 2-wheelers. We are ready to pay the toll."

FOCUS ON BENGALURU-MYSURU EXPRESSWAY

Meanwhile, though the NHAI had deployed officials and police at the entry and exit points, a few autos and two-wheelers managed to enter the expressway through some unmanned points. When *The Hindu* visited most of the entry and exit points in the stretch to Mandya district, autos and two-wheelers managed to enter the expressway. Karthik G., a motorist near Channapatna said, "Most of us don't know about the ban on two-wheelers on the expressway. We only use the stretch for 20 km, and no police have stopped us so far." Similarly, many two-wheelers were on the expressway near Maddur, Ramanagara and Channapatna and only near Bengaluru, near the town areas and toll plaza, the police were monitoring the violators.

Implementation

Meanwhile, four-wheelers and other vehicle drivers raised doubts about the successful implementation of the ban. Bhuvan Jain, a regular commuter on the expressway, welcomed the decision, but said: "I have a strong feeling that the ban implementation may fail. After a week, all autos and two-wheelers will be back on the expressway. How many days can the police and NHAI officials monitor on the road? Rather, they should come up with CCTV cameras at each exit and entry point and penalise the violators."

Manoj Chandrasekhar, another commuter, suggested deploying more patrolling vehicles and crew who can catch those who violate the rule and penalise them. "Now there are only a few patrolling vehicles, which are not enough for the expressway."

What does ban say?

In a notification in July, the NHAI stated: "Movement of high-speed vehicles may pose a risk to the safety of certain classes of comparatively slow-moving vehicles, example: two-wheelers, three-wheelers and other slow-moving vehicles like non-motorised vehicles, agricultural tractors (with or without trailers), due to their vulnerability and associated speed differentials, and compromises road safety aspects."

The NHAI said that alternate routes and roads are available for such classes of vehicles.

The Ramanagara police on Tuesday, in a statement, said they collected ₹68,500 as fine from slow-moving vehicles violating the ban on the expressway in the Ramanagara district.

(This is the fourth part in a series on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway)

It's time to take action on the field to protect lakes, drains, and tanks: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday said it is now time for the authorities to get into action on the field to prevent encroachment of lakes, tanks, and stormwater drains as there are enough materials available in the form of suggestions and recommendations made in various reports by various committees and agencies for taking steps to protect these waterbodies.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal made these observations while hearing PIL petitions related to preservation of waterbodies in the city.

> The need of the hour is for progression from suggestion to action. An action plan for taking concrete steps on the field has to be submitted before the court by BBMP.
> HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

"Need of the hour is now for progression from suggestion to action..." the Bench observed.

Also, the court said that an action plan for taking concrete steps on the field for protecting these waterbodies has to be prepared and submitted before the court by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, the departments of urban development, revenue, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board, the Karnataka State Pollustion Control Board and the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority.

Needless to state that the action has to be prepared in coordination with all these stakeholders through consultation process, the court said while appointing the secretary of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority as convener for convening meetings of the stakeholders, preparation of agenda, and formulation of minutes of the meeting.

Earlier, Chief Commissioner of the BBMP submitted an affidavit on comprehensive scheme for preventing further encroachments of storm water drains elaborating the recommendations made in various reports, including the interim reports submitted by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute to protect the lakes.

After going through the reports, the court expressed satisfaction on the manner in which the senior officers had attached importance for the matter by coming out with the suggestions based on various reports.

Three held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police on Tuesday arrested a dance teacher and two of his friends for allegedly blackmailing a college student with her private photos and sexually assaulting her.

The accused Andy George, Santosh and Shashi were arrested after the victim, unable to bear the torture, approached the police. According to the police, the accused had befriended the victim on social media two years ago and the duo used to meet up regularly. The accused during this period recorded private videos and started blackmailing her for sexual favours. The victim obliged initially following which the accused even forced her to cooperate with his friends and threatened to upload the private videos and photos on social media after she resisted, the police said.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th July, 2023

S.O. 3371(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NHNE-7 in the stretch of land from Km. 71 to Km. 96 (HEBBAL, BANGALORE) in the district of KOLAR in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer & competent Authority in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

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2	3	Private	Dry	3338 (Square Meter)	0.3338
3	63/1	Private	Dry	1618 (Square Meter)	0.1618
4	63/2	Private	Dry	3035 (Square Meter)	0.3035
5	63/3	Private	Dry	810 (Square Meter)	0.081
6	64/1	Private	Dry	5564 (Square Meter)	0.5564
7	65/1	Private	Dry	3035 (Square Meter)	0.3035
8	80	Private	Dry	152 (Square Meter)	0.0152
				Total	1.9702

[F. No. NHAI/11013/LA/3(a)/Notif./PIU-Krishnagiri/3A1]
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

Saplings belonging to Western Ghats species planted in Lalbagh

The Horticulture Department organised the tree plantation drive at Lalbagh in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an effort to ex situ conserve the various plant species of the Western Ghats (Sahyadris), the Horticulture Department on Tuesday planted 450 saplings belonging to 132 Western Ghats species at the Lalbagh Botanical Garden. The department aims to create a miniature replica of the ghats at Lalbagh with this planting drive.

The saplings were planted on a stretch of six acres, which had remained vacant for 70 years, behind the rock structure at Lalbagh (near the Siddapura entrance point). "There are around 5,900 plant species in the Western Ghats, which are spread over 596 km across eight districts of the State. Among them, 652 are endemic plant species while 567 are rare/endangered and threatened species. Hence, there is a need to take special measures to protect these species," a department official said.

Lalbagh is already home to over 2,350 plant species. The department also said that the newly planted species will help Lalbagh become a scientific platform to students, plant experts, botanists, environment lovers and the public to study about the species from Western Ghats. The new plants are also expected to enrich the biodiversity at Lalbagh.

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O.S. NO. 25394/2023
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Venkateshwara Reddy Velavarthi ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Venkateshwara Reddy Velavarthi, S/o Sri. Jayaramreddy Velavarthi, Aged about 29 years, Sariram, PG For gents, 103, 12th Cross, 16th Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560 029
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 8,58,915/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief.
The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **17-08-2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **12-07-2023.**
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10,7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

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IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGLORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 26893/2022
Between :
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Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Smt. Veena ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Smt. Veena, W/o Sri. Lokesh T, Aged about 37 years, No.16, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Krishna Layout, Hulimavu, Bangalore- 560 078
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And
Smt. K M Asha ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Smt. K M Asha,
W/o. Sri. Giri Prasad,
Aged about 38 years,
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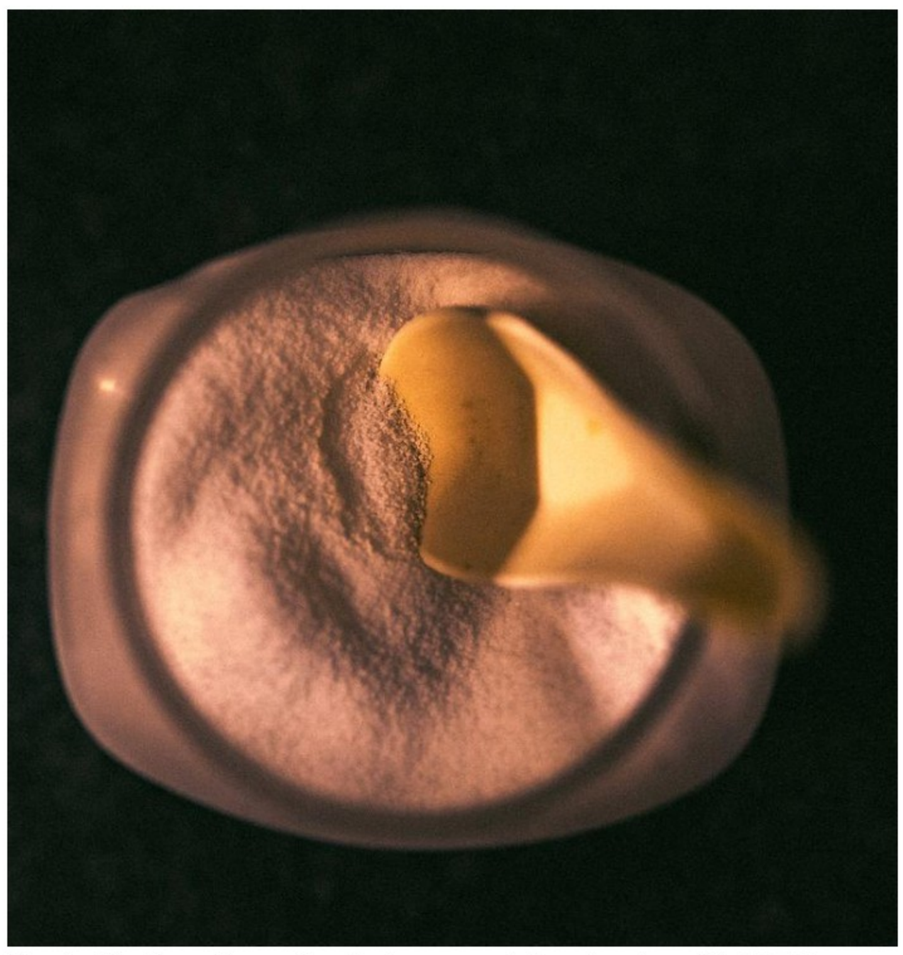
What does aspartame being 'possibly carcinogenic' mean?

While aspartame has been classified as a 'possible carcinogen', it is still safe to be used as a food additive in various products in reasonable quantities. But taking all the available evidence together, ultra-processed and processed foods are not good for health and well-being.

Aju Mathew

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently declared aspartame, an artificial sweetener used in the food industry, as a possible carcinogen. Substances that potentially cause cancer are called carcinogens.

Aspartame is present in a wide range of food products - sugar-free diet soda, ice tea, ice cream, low fat yoghurt, cereals, and medicines such as chewable vitamins. In fact, it is quite difficult to avoid consuming at least some amount of aspartame in our diet.



it is quite difficult to avoid consuming at least some amount of aspartame in our diet. UNSPLASH

The expert committee

The announcement from WHO has created a lot of buzz, and with it, some anxiety. Are we unwittingly exposed to a carcinogen?

There is more to this than meets the eye. The devil, as always, is in the details.

The report in which aspartame was evaluated - and several such declarations that christen a substance as being carcinogenic - are authored by a committee of experts under the authority of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

The agency, headquartered in Lyon, France, was established under the WHO in 1965 with a mandate to study the causes of cancer. To date, the IARC has assessed more than a thousand substances or putative risk factors for their roles in carcinogenesis.

The expert committee

In order to create a common reference point for the recommendations that arise from the deliberations of the expert working committees, the IARC uses a grading system.

Grade 1 substances are factors known to cause cancer in humans, with sufficient evidence supporting their carcinogenicity. This category includes smoking, asbestos, and processed meats, all of which have been linked to a higher cancer hazard.

Grade 2 substances, or exposures, are classified as being probably or possibly carcinogenic to humans. Within Grade 2, there are two subcategories. '2A' includes agents that are probably carcinogenic in humans, supported by ample evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals but limited data regarding humans. Red meats, DDT pesticide, and night-shift work fall into the 2A category.

On the other hand, '2B' includes agents that are possibly carcinogenic in humans but for which there is insufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in animals and limited or inadequate evidence in humans. For example, cell phone radiation and occupational exposure as a hairdresser falls under 2B.

A Grade 3 recommendation is assigned to agents that can't be classified as carcinogenic due to limited or inadequate data, even in experiments. Coffee, mercury, and paracetamol are examples of agents in this category.

Risk v. hazard

While the IARC grading system assesses the hazards with a substance for carcinogenicity, it does not measure the risk of cancer itself. A hazard is a source of harm - whereas a risk is the chance that you will be harmed by that hazard.

IARC only categorises substances or exposures based on the strength of the available data about its properties and behaviour for carcinogenicity. It does not incorporate details regarding the level of harm each substance or exposure may pose to individuals.

For example, both smoking and the consumption of processed meat are graded as carcinogens. But it is quite easy to comprehend that consuming small quantities of processed meat will not have the same level of harm as any amount of tobacco exposure.

> Aspartame is present in a wide range of food products – sugar-free diet soda, ice tea, ice cream, low fat yoghurt, cereals, and medicines such as chewable vitamins

So it is not advisable to compare the IARC grades of two agents. A Grade 1 classification for both smoking and processed meat simply indicates that both agents can potentially cause cancer in certain situations. It does not provide any insight into the chance of a person developing cancer when exposed to such agents.

In other words, exposure or substances within the same category of IARC grade does not carry the same risk - but it bears the same hazard.

Another expert committee

In this context, another report that was (strategically and effectively) published at the same time as the IARC's report on aspartame becomes very relevant. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the WHO Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) separately evaluated the risk or odds of developing cancer with the use of aspartame. Contrast this with the goal of the IARC programme, which is to identify the potential for dietary or non-dietary exposure of an agent to cause cancer. The complementary publication of these two committee reports was deliberate and well-considered.

In particular, the JECFA on aspartame reaffirmed prior deliberations by the same group, that aspartame is safe for human consumption up to a limit of 40 mg/kg of body weight. For reference, a can of an aerated beverage ('diet' variety) contains 200-300 mg of aspartame. The JECFA committee noted that the concentration of aspartame metabolites in plasma was not found to increase after the substance is hydrolysed in the gut. Its review of the available evidence also suggested no consistent association with aspartame use and cancer incidence.

Both the IARC and JECFA evaluations were rigorously examined by independent experts, who reviewed the scientific data gathered from various reputable sources, including peer-reviewed papers, government reports, and studies carried out for regulatory purposes.

Processed foods

Although the IARC's report on the hazard of aspartame for cancer suggested limited evidence from human and animal studies, and qualified the carcinogenicity to be grade 2B ('possible carcinogenic'), the JECFA report asserts that the risk threshold for the food additive remains within the acceptable limits for the average person consuming processed foods.

In sum, while aspartame has been classified as a 'possible carcinogen', it is still safe to be used as a food additive in various products in reasonable quantities. But taking all the available evidence together, ultra-processed and processed foods - which are food products that have undergone some degree of processing from their natural states - are not good for health and well-being. The IARC and JECFA reports highlight that less is more when it comes to any food additives or taste enhancers, including sugar and artificial sweeteners.

Dr. Aju Mathew is a consultant, Ernakulam Medical Centre & MOSC Medical College, Kolenchery, Kerala; India Senior Medical Advisor, Karkinos Healthcare Director, Kerala Cancer Care, Kochi; and an honorary consultant, Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences.

THE GIST

- Aspartame was evaluated by a committee of experts under the authority of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). The agency was established under the WHO in 1965 with a mandate to study the causes of cancer. To date, the IARC has assessed more than a thousand substances or putative risk factors for their roles in carcinogenesis
- A UN body says that aspartame is safe for human consumption up to a limit of 40 mg/kg of body weight. For reference, a can of an aerated beverage ('diet' variety) contains 200-300 mg of aspartame
- Reports highlight that less is more when it comes to any food additives or taste enhancers, including sugar and artificial sweeteners

BIG SHOT

Lightning strikes in the distance as a storm passes over a field of Saguaro cacti in Tucson, Arizona, on July 28. Through the month, Arizona experienced a brutal heatwave. For a three-week period, the maximum daily temperatures were often in excess of 43 degrees Celsius. The weather has also been deadly for the state's iconic cacti, which otherwise live for more than century. AFP

QUESTION CORNER

Tasteless boiled water

Krishnan S.P.T

Q: Why does boiling water remove its taste?

A:Naturally occurring water contains quite a few substances dissolved in it. For example, it contains gases such as oxygen and carbon dioxide, sulphates and carbonates of calcium and magnesium, and other elements such as iron – all depending on the nature of the soil. These constituents impart not only taste but also hardness (i.e. higher mineral concentration) to the water. When water is boiled, the dissolved gases are released and the water's hardness is also taken away. The process also forms carbonates and hydroxides, which are insoluble, and they are deposited on the surfaces and the bottom of the vessel holding the water as a scaly coating. The separation of these substances from the water deprives it of its familiar taste.

Boiling water takes away its hardness. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

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RISE 06:06	SET 18:46
RISE 21:12	SET 08:31

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Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.

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Beneficiaries of Gruha Jyothi to get refund on July payment

To provide electricity at cheaper cost, department will soon come up with policy that will focus on non-conventional energy: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

K.J. George, Energy Minister, and Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy and Infrastructure, at a press conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Although it was announced that the Gruha Jyothi scheme would be applicable from July 1, many consumers were billed by electricity supply companies (escoms) for the first few days of the month, going by their regular billing cycle.

Addressing a press conference ahead of the launch of the scheme, Energy Minister K.J. George said on Tuesday that the amount charged for the first few days of July (up to 15 days), will be credited to the beneficiaries. "If there are arrears, the credits will be used to adjust them. If there are no arrears, then we will initiate a refund to the consumers along with an interest as per the current bank rates," he said.

He said that over 1.42 crore consumers, including 18,12,452 Bhagya Jyothi, Kuteera Jyothi and Amrutha Jyothi beneficiaries, have registered under Gruha Jyothi so far. However, there is not much clarity about how many applicants qualify for the scheme.

Further, Mr. George said to provide electricity at cheaper costs to all consumers across Karnataka, the Energy Department will soon come up with a policy in which the focus will be on non-conventional energy. The policy is expected to help in the reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

When asked if the Gruha Jyothi scheme will increase the burden on non-eligible consumers and industries, the Minister said that the department is in discussions with small-scale industries and other industries with regard to the planned policy.

"If we set up solar generation systems next to every energy sub-station, we could cover the transmission losses up to some extent. This will also help us supply power in a better manner to farmers and industries nearby. Along with solar, wind and hydro-electricity generation, nitrogen electricity generation is also becoming prominent. With these innovative methods, we want to bring down the cost of power supply," he said.

The electricity policy will be announced after it is approved by the State Cabinet.

VITM celebrates 58th anniversary

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru, in collaboration with the echo network celebrated its 58th anniversary on July 27. Rohini Balakrishnan, professor, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, inaugurated the 'Heart and Earth festival'.

BDA acquired 3 acres in 18 years for PRR project in city

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

It had identified 2,596 acres and 29.75 guntas for the project

While 1,810 acres were notified for acquisition in the final notification in 2007 for the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) barely managed to acquire 3.21 acres of land. The BDA had paid ₹41.21 lakh as compensation for three different plots in Bengaluru and handed them over to the engineering division.

The BDA identified 2,596 acres and 29.75 guntas for the project. In the final notification issued on June 26, 2007, 1,810 acres were notified for acquisition. In the second and third preliminary notifications, 489 acres and 372 acres were notified in 2006 and 2010, respectively.

After legal hurdles, the Supreme Court (SC) pronounced a verdict in favour of the BDA on the issue of compensation. According to the order, BDA is allowed to pay compensation under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. Almost 18 years after first preliminary notification (September 23, 2005) for land acquisition and 15 years after final notification, the notified land is in limbo. Owners cannot carry out any development work or transactions. In some cases, landowners have died.

The PRR, which will soon be renamed on the insistence of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, covers 6 taluks and passes through 77 villages. The road will stretch from Tumakuru Road to Hosur Road, connect highways (State and National), NICE Road and pass through Old Madras Road.

During a grievance meeting held on July 31 chaired by Mr. Shivakumar, the BDA allegedly kept farmers in the dark about acquisition and preferred to focus on the compensation which can be paid under BDA Act, 1976. Under this Act, land losers are not entitled to get double the guidance value.

In June and July 2011, the BDA acquired 1.28 acres in survey number (Sy.No.) 100 at Kachamaranahalli, 0.28 guntas in Sy.No 25/6 and 1.5 acre in Sy.No 32/10 in Aduru village for which the BDA paid ₹21.27 lakh, ₹8.15 lakh and ₹11.78 lakh, respectively. The SC was informed about this development in connection with a case between BDA and State of Karnataka.

The court documents accessed by *The Hindu* show that out of 1,810 acres and 18.5 gunta, the BDA had framed compensation award for 948 acres, and award was approved for about 569 acres and 16.5 gunta. After taking possession of 3.21 acres, the BDA handed over the land to the engineering department for the development of a road, work on which is yet to commence.

A farmer said the BDA has to explain why only 3 acres of land was acquired and not the rest despite the award being passed. Farmers want to know how the BDA can claim possession without paying a single penny as compensation.

BDA Commissioner G. Kumar Naik could not be reached for a response despite multiple attempts.

KSRTC observes foundation day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka State Transportation Corporation (KSRTC) on Tuesday celebrated its 62nd Foundation Day and to mark the occasion, 20 new SUVs were inducted into KSRTC's fleet under the Accident Relief Fund Scheme, and a special edition of the Sarige Sampada, a magazine published by KSRTC on the Shakti scheme, was launched by Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy.

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Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges (Online)	01.08.2023 to 21.08.2023	01.08.2023 to 21.08.2023
Download of call letters for Pre- Exam Training*	September 2023	-----
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training*	September 2023	-----
Download of call letters for Online examination- Preliminary	September 2023	December 2023
Online Examination – Preliminary	September/ October 2023	December 2023
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	October 2023	January 2024
Download of Call letter for Online exam – Main	October/ November 2023	January 2024
Online Examination – Main	November 2023	January 2024
Declaration of Result – Main	December 2023	February 2024
Download of call letters for interview	January/ February 2024	February/ March 2024
Conduct of interview	January/ February 2024	February/ March 2024
Provisional Allotment	April 2024	April 2024

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18 According to the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, more than 200 people have been killed and over 450 injured. In all of 2022, the country alone witnessed 15 suicide attacks. PTI

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43.33 in percentage. The Union Power Minister stated that government has been promoting use of various renewable energy to attain50% cumulative electric power installed capacity by 2030. PTI

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30 in percentage. The UN had appealed for $3.9 billion to fund war-torn Ukraine as the country starts preparing for a second winter with more buildings damaged and thousands of people homeless following the collapse of the Kakhovka dam. AP

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155.6 In Rs lakh crore. According to Minister of Finance , government debt has reduced from 61.5% of GDP in FY 2020-21 to 57.1% in FY 2022-23. PTI

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The holocene climate anomalies

Modern societies have placed a considerable amount of trust in their scientists. Balancing accurate and reliable information with climate action can ensure trust in scientists, governments, and initiatives addressing the consequences of the climate change; squandering this trust could render irreversible damage to the efforts

EXPLAINER

Raghu Murtugudde

Some headlines proclaimed recently that a particular day in July was the warmest in more than a 100,000 years. It is not scientifically possible to make such a claim. Temperature estimates from before thermometers were invented are derived from "palaeo proxies". These are biological and chemical signatures of the temperature somewhere having been warmer or colder than a specific baseline temperature. Such a baseline is typically from the modern times, when thermometer records have existed. These measures are called "proxies" because they do not directly measure temperatures. Instead, they are simply the responses of physical, biological, and chemical processes to temperatures at that time having been warmer or colder than the baseline value. Another thing we need to make claims about temperatures of a time in the past are some isotopes that undergo a steady rate of radioactive decay. Knowing this rate, and the expected quantity of the isotope X years ago, scientists can estimate how long it took to diminish to its present quantity. Based on the length of time one needs to go back to, the isotopes could be of carbon or lead, based on their half-lives (5,000 to more than 10 million years).

A man cools his face with water as wildfires burn near the village of Vati in the island of Rhodes.AFP

Longer and shorter timescales

A major assumption required to make the "paleo proxy" technique workable is that the processes that produced the proxies have operated similarly back then as they do today. More specifically, and crucially, for a period of hundreds of thousands of years, proxies - which are typically buried in the ocean and lake sediments - can only record temperature anomalies, i.e. deviations from the baseline, on time scales of centuries, if not thousands of years.

They are mixed by the ocean water above and the microbes within, smoothing out the information they contain over such long timescales. From this object, it is almost impossible to estimate even decadal or annual changes in long-term temperature, forget daily temperature.

Scientists derive estimates of temperature anomalies over shorter time scales from tree rings, corals, and the shells of marine and terrestrial organisms. But even here, the best of the "palaeo proxies" only provide weekly or seasonal timescale temperature anomaly estimates.

Similarly, in the spatial sense, all temperature proxies are only local or regional estimates of historical temperature anomalies. Reliable local temperature anomalies also come with fairly significant uncertainties - even for the Holocene epoch, the period in which we evolved as modern humans, that began in around 9700 BC. Global estimates, which are based on averaging all local proxies, have even higher uncertainties. So there is simply no "palaeo proxy" that can give daily timescale temperatures.

The Holocene epoch

The most relevant bit of knowledge experts might wish to piece together today from historical temperature-related anomalies is whether any warming during the Holocene epoch can tell us something about the response of modern humans to climate change. There is some evidence as to the causes of demise of various civilisations in this epoch - and a climate-related event was not always the sole or even the proximal cause. At the same time, modern humans' (bipedal) ancestors also survived larger climatic changes over the evolutionary timescales of hundreds of thousands of years. The earth's climate has witnessed glacials, or ice ages, and deglacials for at least a million years. The Holocene itself has been a deglacial period, with a relatively small volume of glaciers compared to a proper ice age.

The palaeoclimate serves as a rear-view mirror for the evolution of future climate, but only over longer timescales. Remembering that climate is what we expect and weather is what we get, a particular day of a particular year *need not* be the same at all to the same day from another year, simply as a result of small differences in temperatures, winds, humidity, rain, and so forth. Global warming can produce record-breaking warm months and years - but we should be cautious about supposedly a record-breaking warm *day*, more so since even thermometer-based records are few and far between to make reliable claims of daily temperature records at the *global* scale.

Endangering climate action

It is scientifically impossible to estimate daily temperatures even for a particular day from last year - unless we have a thermometer measurement.

Perhaps they are all in the same vein as the widespread and persistent urge to report more and more alarmist claims without regard for their consequences. To wish to elicit collective and individual climate action while sacrificing scientific rigour and accuracy is a dangerous approach. It simply amounts to an ' the end justifies the means' approach that is likely to lead to a loss of credibility for the climate community. Modern societies have placed a considerable amount of trust in their scientists. Squandering this trust could render irreversible damage to the efforts that scientists and government officials have been making to improve global participation in climate negotiations, the willingness of governments to adhere to their climate commitments, and the grass roots initiatives that push governments and businesses into action, and to support communities dealing with the consequences of climate change.

(Raghu Murtugudde is a visiting professor at IIT Bombay and an emeritus professor at the University of Maryland)

THE GIST

- The use of "paleo proxies" , based on biological and chemical signatures, can provide insights into temperature anomalies over longer timescales, such as centuries or thousands of years. However, they cannot accurately determine daily temperatures due to mixing processes in oceans and lakes.
- The study of Holocene epoch warming helps understand how ancient civilizations responded to climate change, but it's challenging to pinpoint specific daily temperature records without direct thermometer measurements.
- Balancing accurate information with climate action can ensure trust in scientists, governments, and initiatives addressing the consequences of climate change.

What can amended Forest (Conservation) Act change?

What is the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023? Did the States comply by the SC's directive to undertake an exercise to identify their own deemed forests? Did the JPC flag any concerns with the Bill?

Rishika Pardikar

The story so far:

The controversial Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023, passed by the Lok Sabha with limited debate, awaits discussion in the Rajya Sabha. The bill aims to restrict conservation scope, exempt border lands for strategic projects, and allow some non-forest activities. The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in March. Thereafter, it was referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) comprising 32 members from both Houses of Parliament and across party lines.

How does the Bill restrict the scope of the Act?

The Bill stipulates that only those lands that were notified as 'forest' under the Indian Forest Act 1927, any other relevant law or were recorded as 'forests' in government records will be acknowledged as 'forests' under this Act as well. This revision stands in stark contrast to the wide applicability of the extant Act at present. A Supreme Court judgement in 1996 had reiterated such a broad application. It said, that a 'forest' includes all land recorded as such in government records regardless of ownership as well as "deemed forests", which are not officially classified as 'forests' but satisfy the dictionary meaning of the word: any large area with significant tree cover and undergrowth. The court had also asked States to undertake an exercise to identify and notify their own deemed forests. But even after almost 30 years, many States are yet to complete this exercise and in some cases, we don't know how scientific the process of identification was. As such, the amendment opens up all land that hasn't been officially classified as 'forests' to commercial activity. It also removes the checks and balances the Act currently includes, in the form of forest clearance permissions and the informed consent of the local community.

Why is the exemption for border infrastructure controversial?

The Bill seeks to exempt linear infrastructure projects like roads and highways from seeking forest clearance permissions if they are located within 100 km of the national border. Experts have raised concerns because "strategic linear projects of national importance" is an undefined term and can thus be misused to push through infrastructure projects that are devastating for the local ecology.

This Bill was not referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee, which in this case would have been the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change, headed by Congress MP Jairam Ramesh. As per the Pre-legislative Consultation Policy, it is considered good practice to refer Bills to Standing Committees for review. But the government bypassed this oversight function in this case.

Did the JPC flag any concerns with the Bill?

The JPC did not propose a single change to the Bill in its report despite receiving objections from tribal groups, conservationists, environmental lawyers, activists, and citizen groups. Six members of the JPC itself wrote dissent notes. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs also raised concerns about the amendment's implications on community rights enshrined in the Forest Rights Act 2006.

The Bill got a free pass in the Lok sabha as most Opposition MPs were preoccupied with highlighting human rights issues in Manipur. Irrespective of whether Rajya Sabha members seriously debate the Bill, its a drastic break from the legal definition of 'forests', its focus on creating carbon sinks and the uncertainty over its coverage don't bode well.

(Rishika Pardikar is a freelance environment reporter based in Bengaluru)

THE GIST

- The highly controversial Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023 is awaiting debate in the Rajya Sabha after having been passed by the Lok Sabha with almost no debate in June.
- Broadly, the Bill seeks to restrict the conservation scope of the Act to only certain forest lands. It also exempts border lands from the obligation to seek permissions to clear forests in order to construct "strategic linear projects of national importance".

Confusion prevails on day one as new milk prices kick in

Customers who purchased milk in the morning were confused about the actual hike as revised prices were mentioned only on packets that arrived in the afternoon; homemakers express worry about rise in expense

Srijana Siri Murthy
BENGALURU

As the price hike for Nandini dairy products, including milk, curd, and buttermilk, kicked in on Tuesday, many customers were seen confused about the actual hike, while others were worried about expanding their weekly budget.

The updated prices were only mentioned on the packets that arrived after noon, creating confusion amongst the customers who purchased milk in the morning.

"The milk price is confusing. I thought that the costs rose by ₹3 per litre across the board, but today I bought two half litre packets for ₹48. I paid only ₹44 for the same yesterday," said Sudarshan, a media professional.

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) announced that the price of one litre of Nandini milk will rise by ₹3 from August 1. However, the MRP of a half litre of milk has gone up by ₹2. So buying two half litre packets is actually ₹4 more expensive than earlier. The price of the one litre milk packet has increased by ₹3.

The Karnataka Milk Federation has increased the price of one litre of Nandini milk by ₹3. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Expressing her concern about the price rise, Pushpa Raju, a customer at a Nandini milk parlour in Koramangala, said, "While ₹4 might not seem like much, it will add to my weekly expense. I will end up spending at least ₹100 extra every week only on milk. I have no other choice but to buy milk, as it is an everyday essential."

"The amount of milk in each half litre packet has also increased by 10 ml. They have rounded it up to ₹2 per half litre to avoid change issues," remarked Leela Manjunath, owner of a Nandini milk booth.

Many homemakers from joint families are worried about the expense increase. Shipa Kumar, a homemaker with a family of 7, said, "I have three children who are all growing and need to drink sufficient milk". She buys close to 2 litres of milk and 1 litre of curd every day. "My parents-in-law are old and prefer to eat curd rice every day. If prices skyrocket like this, how will we afford basic necessities?," she asked.

With expenses increasing, many BPL cardholders and other underprivileged women fear that the money from initiatives like Gruha Laxmi will be spent only on procuring basic necessities. "We buy one litre of milk every day. I planned to save the money from Gruha Lakshmi for my son's education, but I might have to spend it on buying milk and curd instead", said Mahalakshmi, a daily wage worker.

Water adalat tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in various parts of the city to settle problems related to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection and other related issues.

According to a BWSSB release, the adalat will be held in East 1-1, East-2-1, South East-1, South East 4, West-1-1, West-2-1, North West-1, North West 3, Central 1-1, North East 1, and North 1-1 sub divisions.

For any problems regarding the water supply, members of the public may contact 24x7 call centre: helpline number: 1916. Complaints can also be filed through WhatsApp no: 8762228888, the release stated.

Office-bearers re-elected

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

At the 22nd Annual Members Meeting of the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka, Sachin B. Sabnis, K. Narayana Prasanna, and Lakshmisha C.V. were re-elected for 2 more years.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF STUDY AND RESEARCH IN LAW, RANCHI
At Nagri, PO- Bukru, Kanke-Pithoria Road, Kanke, Ranchi 834006

Ref: NUSRL/RNC/2023 /111722 DATE: 31/07/2023

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Division, Parbhani
E-Tender Notice No.16 of 2023-2024

Online Tender (e-tenders) in **B-1 for 8 works** are invited by the Executive Engineer P.W. Division, Parbhani (Phone No 02452-222708) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management system https://maharashtra.etenders.in/ from registered contractors in appropriate class with Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.

The details can be viewed and download online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** or **www.mahapwd.com**

(Note :- For Further changes in this Notice Please check above website)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division,Parbhani

DGIPR/2023-2024/2494

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum - 1 to Tender Notice No. ECN-TRD-13-2023 Dated : 08-07-2023

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Modification of existing OHE and electrification of upcoming new lines in Vijayapura yard.	Rs. 6,94,94,284.02

Date of Closing

Existing	Revised
31-07-2023 at 11:00 Hrs	04-08-2023 at 11:00 Hrs

All other terms and condition remains unchanged.

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / TRD / CN
Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/279/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **Mr. RAGHUPATHI,** No.2, Srikars Heritage Apartment, 7th Main, 20th Cross, 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore-560 076, (present owner of the Schedule Property) had lost the original Sale Deed, vide document No.1035/2003-04, dated: 19-04-2003, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk while in transit.

That my said client had already lodged the complaint before the concerned MICO Police Station authorities vide Report No.0658829/2023 and so far he has not received the same from the public.

That my client has requested the public that if anybody trace the said document, please hand over the same to him or to his said Advocate, any person/s who handover the said sale deed to my client or his advocate will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE

Flat No.B-2, New No.SF9/6, 2nd Floor, "SRIKAR'S HERITAGE", situated at 20th Cross, N.S.Palya, (Bilekahalli), Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 1030 square feet of super built up area, PID No.65-139-SF9/6, constructed on Site Nos.5,6,9 and 10, House List No.347/1B/9A, together with 379 UDS in the entire property, along with one car parking.

Sd/- **A. Manjunath,** Advocate
No. 924, 28th Main, 9th Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 069.
Ph: 9845395528

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
PROCUREMENT OF NEW GPS TRACKERS & VARIOUS OTHER WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur On Behalf of The President of India, invites e-tenders from the reputed firms / Contractor for the following works. **Sr. No.: 1. Tender Notice No.: 51-2023-DENS. Name of Work :** Procurement of 355 Nos. New GPS Trackers on replacement account including Two way Calling facility Sim Charges, Platform (rail.trackinghawk.com) charges & Manpower deployment for monitoring of Keyman, Patrolman, Mate, All SSE/JE (P.Way) and other need based safety category staff etc. on existing tracking portal 'rail.trackinghawk.com' for Engineering Department of Solapur Division. **Approximate Cost of Work:** ₹ 20,69,736.52. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 41,400/-. **Completion Period of the Work:** 12 Months. **Maintenance Period:** Nil. **Sr. No.: 2. Tender Notice No.: 52-2023-DENS. Name of Work :** Procurement of additional 770 Nos. New GPS Trackers including Two way Calling facility Sim Charges, Platform (rail.trafkinghawk.fom) charges & Manpower deployment for Monitoring of Keyman, Patrolman, Mate, All SSE/JE(P.Way) and other need based safety category staff etc. on existing tracking portal "rail.trafkinghawk.fom" for Engineering Department of Solapur Division. **Approximate Cost of Work:** ₹ 41,19,131.02. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 82,400/-. **Completion Period of the Work:** 12 Months. **Maintenance Period:** Nil. **Last Date & Time of Uploading Quoted Tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 21/08/2023 up to 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of Tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 21/08/2023 at 15.30 hrs. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. **Website : www.ireps.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Palghar,
E-Tender Notice No. 52 for 2023-24

The Public Work department,Government of Maharashtra, represented by the Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Palghar (the "Authority") is engaged in the development of highways and as part of this endeavor, the Authority has decided to undertake development and operation/maintence of the following project (the "Projects") on [Design,build,Operate and Transfer (the "DBOT") **Hybrid Annuity** 'EPC' **(Engineering Procurement & Construction)**' **(Lump-Sum)** basis and has decided to carry out the bidding process for selection of PWD Contractor's and private entity as the bidder to whom the Project may be awarded.The Executive Engineer P.W.Division Palghar Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer.Conditional offers will not be accepted.

This tender notice contains **01 (One)** work and their details can also be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** and sub portal **www.mahapwd.gov.in**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.Crore (Excluding G.S.T.)	Fund Head
1	Improvement to Zai Bordi-Tarapur-Pamali-Mahim-Saphale-Pargaon-Varai to NH-8 Road Km. 20/000 to 101/100 & Saphale Manda Tembhikhodave MDR-38 Km. 0/000 to 9/100 Dist.Palghar	**Rs. 184.00/-**	State Government grants (50545242) 53 through (Dattamat scheme) for Major Constructions of Roads and bridges through (00)(03) Hybrid Annuity

E-Tender Download Period.	Dt. 02/08/2023 to 15/09/2023
Pre-Bid Meeting.	Dt. 05/09/2023 Offfice of the Hon. Chief Engineer Public Work Region, Konkan,25, Marzban Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 001 at. 2.30 p.m.
Last Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Dt. 15/09/2023. To 5:45 p.m
Last Date for Submission of Hard copy of Tender.	Dt. 18/09/2023. To 5:45 p.m
Opening of E-Tender.	Dt. 18/09/2023. After 12:30 p.m. If Possible Hon. Superintending Engineer (P.W.) Circle,Thane.

Note.-
1. The Executive Engineer P.W.Division, Palghar Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.
2. A hard copy of the tender in a Sealed envelope up to dt.18/09/2023, 5.45 P.M. from the Closing date of Sale of tender to the Office of the Executive Engineer P.W.Division Palghar / Hon. Superintending Engineer (P.W.) Circle, Thane./ Hon. Chief Engineer Public Works Region, Konkan,Mumbai. Will be Mandatory to submit to the Office.
3. All Eligible and Interested Tenderers are required to do the E-Tendering system **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Portal Enrollment (with PWD Contractor's and private entity) to download the tender Sheet and Participate in the tender Process.
4. Other teams and Conditions can be found in the E-tender instruction for the above works of P.W.Division available at **http://mahapwd.gov.in** and **https://mahatenders.gov.in** website

Sd/- (S. P. Patil)
Executive Engineer
Public Work Division, Palghar

DGIPR/2023-2024/2497

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client is proposing to purchase and/or develop the land described in the schedule given below and negotiations are in progress. Meanwhile, I am instructed to carry out due diligence of the schedule properties and I have undertaken scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the respective owners and person claiming under them. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to ascertain if there are any persons interested in the schedule properties or opposing the sale/development or otherwise of the schedule properties. Therefore, any person/s, any financial institutions, GPA holders, entity, company, firm or body corporate claiming any right, title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale or development of the schedule properties by my client are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within **seven days** from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

If no objections/claims are received as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transactions as if there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of vacant land situated at Kogilu Village, Yelhanka Hobli & Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded as follows:

Sl. No	Sy.No.	Extent Sq.ft.	SCHEDULE BOUNDARIES				Owners
			East	West	North	South	
1.	9/2B	920 40' x 23'	Road	Bhajantri Venkatappa land in present Sy.No.9/2B	Road formed in Site No.9/2B by Markandaya	Yelhanka to Kogilu Main Road	Puttaraju & Manjula
2.	9/2B (shown in RTC as 9/2C)	1200 40' x 30'	Access Road measuring 12 Feet and land belonging to Byatarayana-pura Acharya	Land belonging to Bhajantri Venkatappa	Land belonging to Poojappa	Land belonging to Markandeya	Markandeya
3.	9/1D	1200 40' x 30	Access Road measuring 12 Feet	Remaining land belonging to Nagappa & children	Veerbhadrappa @ Thayappa Farm	10 feet road	Markandeya
4.	9/2C	1200 40' x 30'	Access Road Measuring 12 feet	Land belonging to Markandaya	8 feet road	Land belonging to Markandaya	Markandeya
Total		**4520**					

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Date : 01.08.2023

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, No. 14/3, 1st Floor,
Aravinda Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001

No. : KIADB/LAQ/(K-RIDE)/33/2023-24 Date:25.07.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of Corridor-2 of Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE). The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 64 SPQ (E) 2023 Bangalore dated:18-07-2023 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated: 24-07-2023

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (K-RIDE), Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 28.08.2023 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B. (K-RIDE), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, it will be considered that there is no objection from your side and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

SL No	I.D. No	Property Owner	L.A/CT Sy. No	Total Extent	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
		Enquiry Date: 28-08-2023		**Time: 11.30 a.m**	
		Village : Soladevanahalli Hobli: Hesarugatta		**Taluk: Yalahanka**	
1	C2/R/27/05/ SDVL/01	Gullamma, Chikkanna Reddy, Manjunatha Reddy, Ashwathamma W/o Late M.Chikkanna @ Pilla Chikkanna, Rathnamma D/o Late M.Chikkanna @ Pilla Chikkanna, Sudha D/o Late M. Chikkanna	60	5159.67	672.86
2	C2/R/27/05/ SDVL/02	Chikkanna Reddy, Manjunatha Reddy, Ashwathamma W/o Late M.Chikkanna @ Pilla Chikkanna, Rathnamma D/o Late M.Chikkanna @ Pilla Chikkanna, Sudha D/o Late M. Chikkanna	61/1	7486.58	3642.12
3	C2/R/27/05/ SDVL/03	R.Srinivas Reddy S/o Rajanna	61/2	3642.12	3642.12
4	C2/R/26/800/ SDVL/04	Ashvathamma D/o Chikkanna reddy, K.Shyamanna S/o Late M.Kondamma, Ji.Ramkrishna Reddy S/o Anjinamma, Railway Acqusation, Gullamma W/o Late Chikkanna Reddy	62/1	22864.42	21928.60 (K)-1214.04 20714.56
5	C2/R/26/700/ SDVL/05	MSPP LTD	71	43907.78	4266.14
6	C2/R/26/600/ SDVL/06	MSPP LTD	72	14770.82	145.87
		Village : Chikkabanavara Hobli: Yashwanthpura		**Taluk: Bengaluru North**	
7	C2/R/26/400/ BAW/02	T.A.Jagadamba W/o E Krishnappa	80/1	10218.17	10218.17
8	C2/R/26/400/ BAW/03	M/s Mysorestone ware and potteries ltd	80/2	4856.16	4856.16
9	C2/R/26/400/ BAW/04	T.A.Jagadamba W/o E Krishnappa	80/3	17603.58	13253.27 (K)-303.51 =12949.76
10	C2/R/26/00/ BAW/09	Hanumakka W/o Chikka papa Reddy, Mohamad muktar S/o Late Abdul ghani, Sakeena Thasmin W/o Mohamad muktar,	76	3237.44	3237.44 (K)-202.34 =3035.10
11	C2/R/26/250/ BAW/10	Jayakeerthi S/o Seetharamaiah	78	3540.95	3540.95 (K)-404.68 =3136.27
12	C2/R/26/150/ BAW/11	Jayakeerthi S/o Seetharamaih	77	2731.59	2731.59 (K)-202.34 =2529.25
13	C2/R/26/300/ BAW/12	M/s Mysorestone ware and potteries ltd	79	2832.76	2832.76
14	C2/R/26/400/ BAW/13	M/s Mysorestone ware and potteries ltd	81/1	8498.28	8295.94
15	C2/R/26/400/ BAW/14	T.A.Jagadamba W/o E Krishnappa	81/2	7385.41	7385.41 (K)-505.85 =6879.56
16	C2/R/26/200/ BAW/15	Rathnamma D/o Late Dodda Ankamma	72	35406.99	2783.00 (K)-149.73 =2633.27
17	C2/R/26/200/ BAW/16	Rajamma W/o Krishna Reddy, Hanumakka W/o Chikka papa Redyy	72		5566.00 (K)-299.46 =5266.54
18	C2/R/26/200/ BAW/17	Mohamad muktar S/o Late Abdul ghani,	72		4799.00 (K)258.64 =4540.36
19	C2/R/26/200/ BAW/18	Mohamad muktar S/o Late Abdul ghani, Sakeena Thasmin W/o Mohamad muktar,	72		1416.8 (K)-76.23 =1340.57
20	C2/R/26/200/ BAW/19	Kharab	72		784.30

Sd/ Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B.,-(K.R.I.D.E.,) Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Bhima-Koregaon and UAPA: striking the balance between security and rights

The UAPA grants State agencies extensive powers, reducing judicial oversight effectiveness and undermining personal liberty within its broad scope as an "anti-terrorism law"

Gautam Bhatia

Supreme Court of India granted bail to activists Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira in the Bhima-Koregaon case. Both individuals were arrested earlier in connection with the violence and the two men have been in jail since August 2018. The activists are facing charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In this article dated July 02, 2018, Gautam Bhatia highlights the ongoing debates and concerns surrounding the use of UAPA and its impact on personal liberty and fair trials in the country.

On December 1, 1948, Professor K.T. Shah rose to make an impassioned speech in the Constituent Assembly. "The autocrat, the despot," he warned, "has always wished, whenever he was bankrupt of any other argument, just to shut up those who did not agree with him." Along with many other members of the CA, he was objecting to the wide range of restrictions that had been imposed upon fundamental rights in the draft Constitution. Drawing attention to the multiple "Public Safety Acts" and "Defence of India Acts" that had been the favourite weapons of the colonial regime, speaker after speaker expressed the concern that, despite the best intentions of the Assembly, the Constitution could easily be interpreted to authorise the continuation of these hated laws.

The arrest of five individuals in early June , ostensibly for instigating the riots at Bhima-Koregaon at the beginning of the year , throws the fears expressed in the CA into sharp relief. The accused, who include activists and lawyers, have been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). An examination of the UAPA shows how, in one overarching "anti-terrorism law", vast discretionary powers are conferred upon State agencies, judicial oversight is rendered toothless, and personal liberty is set at naught.

Boundless discretion

The UAPA authorises the government to ban "unlawful organisations" and "terrorist organisations" (subject to judicial review), and penalises membership of such organisations. The problems begin with the definitional clause itself. The definition of "unlawful activities" includes "disclaiming" or "questioning" the territorial integrity of India, and causing "disaffection" against India. These words are staggeringly vague and broad, and come close to establishing a regime of thought-crimes. The problem of excessive breadth is then carried over into the "membership clauses", which are the heart of the UAPA. "Membership" of unlawful and terrorist organisations is a criminal offence, and in the latter case, it can be punished with life imprisonment. But the Act fails entirely to define what "membership" entails. Are you a "member" if you possess literature or books about a banned organisation? If you express sympathy with its aims? If you've met other, "active" members? These are not theoretical considerations: chargesheets under the UAPA often cite the seizure of books or magazines, and presence at "meetings", as clinching evidence of membership.

In 2011, the Supreme Court attempted to narrow the scope of these provisions, holding that "membership" was limited to cases where an individual engaged in active incitement to violence. Anything broader than that, it ruled, would violate the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and of association. The application of this ruling, however, has been patchy and arbitrary: one judge of the Bombay High Court invoked it to grant bail to some members of the Kabir Kala Manch music troupe, while another judge ignored it and refused bail to other members of the same troupe (they were ultimately granted bail by the Supreme Court).

Despite the verdict of the Supreme Court, therefore, the wide and vague provisions of the UAPA allow governments great and virtually unbridled power to arrest people under boundlessly manipulable justifications, such as "having suspected Maoist links". At this point, the second serious problem with the UAPA regime kicks in: Section 43D(5) of the Act prohibits courts from granting bail to a person if "on a perusal of the case diary or the [police] report ... [the court] is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusation against such person is prima facie true."

The case diary and the charge sheet is the version of the state. Therefore, under the UAPA, as long as the state's version appears to make out an offence, a court cannot, under law, grant bail. When we juxtapose this with the inordinately slow pace at which criminal trials progress, Section 43D(5) of the UAPA is effectively a warrant for perpetual imprisonment without trial. This is not a theoretical concern either: on more than one occasion in recent years, terror accused have been acquitted after spending more than a decade in jail. This is something for which there can be no compensation or restitution; and it is only made possible because the law places an unbreakable shackle upon personal liberty.

Maulana Hasrat Mohani, the great freedom fighter and poet, commenting on the same set of provisions as K.T. Shah, observed that "so long as you do not prove anything openly against anybody in a court of law, it should not be lawful to detain anybody." His concern was discarded when the CA decided to have a specific provision that authorised preventive detention (Article 22). However, as the CA debates reveal, the provision was meant to be used in rare and exceptional cases. The framers did not intend – and the Constitution does not contemplate – the kind of perfect storm that exists when broad and vague provisions of public security laws are combined with statutory bars upon the grant of bail, and a legal system that takes years to complete a criminal trial.

The purpose of a Constitution and a bill of rights, however, is to establish a "culture of justification" where the State cannot abuse its power. Civil and political rights are based upon the understanding that at no point should so much power, and so much discretion, be vested in the state that it utterly overwhelms the individual. The women and men who occupy the high offices of the state may have the best of intentions, but they are human like the rest of us, and therefore imperfect. The Constitution exists to protect us from the consequences of those imperfections.

This is why the traditional argument in defence of laws such as the UAPA – that the state must be given a strong hand to control terrorist and other violent and disruptive activities – proves too much. It proves too much because it subordinates every other constitutional value – freedom of speech, personal liberty, the right to a fair trial – to the overarching concern of order. Such an attitude can be justified only in times of war or Emergency (and even then, subject to safeguards). But what the UAPA does is to normalise this "state of exception", and make it a permanent feature of the legal landscape. One of our great judges, Justice Fazl Ali, expressly warned against it when he declared, "I do not think that it was ever intended that Parliament could at its will treat the normal as the abnormal or the rule as the exception."

The Bhima-Koregaon arrests provide us with yet another opportunity to rethink a legal regime that has obliterated the distinction between the normal and the abnormal. The power to keep citizens incarcerated for long periods of time, on vague charges, and without affording them an opportunity to answer their accusers in a swift and fair trial, is an anathema to democracy and the rule of law. The UAPA's stringent provisions should go the way of its predecessors – the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Terrorism Act. They should be removed by Parliament, and struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. And if that is not feasible, then there must at least be a change in the legal culture, with the courts following the example of the Bombay High Court in the first Kabir Kala Manch case, and granting bail unless the state can produce some cogent proof of criminality. It is only that which will ensure the continued survival of "the one precious right to personal liberty" that the CA believed marked the transformation from a colonial regime to an independent democratic republic.

(Gautam Bhatia is a Delhi-based lawyer)

Setting facts straight

Brigadier (Retd) Rattan Kaul

Two articles, one with a catchy introduction - "I cut my own leg with my Khukri" and an interview, published in *The Hindu*, mention that "[Major] Ian Cardozo .. amputated his own leg on the battlefield" during the India-Pakistan war in 1971. I would like to set some facts straight.

Major Cardozo had been with us between 1963 and 1966 and he later joined our battalion in the 1971 war at Sylhet on 9th December. On 16 December, he wandered into our own minefield, laid on 9th December on the flank of our company. Though it was his mistake, he made it seem that this was a Pakistani mine. He later claims that he was part of the 'historic' Khukri attack on 20/21 November 1971 at Atgram. This was led by Major Rana and Rattan Kaul under the leadership of Lt Col. Harolikar, MVC. Major Cardozo was then undergoing a Staff Course at Wellington (Tamil Nadu). After his course was terminated on 3 December, he was posted to 4/5 GR (FF) on 6 December 1971, as a replacement for our second-in-command, who was killed on the night of 4/5 December 1971. Major Cardozo had arrived at the railhead on 8 December and by the evening, both of us reached the Kalaura helipad. Battalion (4/5 GR (FF)) had already 'heli-landed' on 7-8 December at Sylhet. By 8th December the Commanding Officer (CO) Lt Col Harolikar had deployed the battalion in a dispersed pattern.

The both of us spent the night at the helipad and were heli-lifted on 9 December and landed at Sylhet. A few days after the Pakistan army's surrender, Major Cardozo and I were evacuated after we had been injured and Major Malik suggested a new designation for Major Cardozo - "Vazir". Major Cardozo later claims that he suggested the designation himself, which is not true. Other claims made by him include his use of a transistor on the battlefield and listening to the BBC broadcast, which he utilised to suggest broad deployment of forces to the CO. Actually, the battalion had been deployed by the CO on a broad front by the morning of 8 December itself, a day before Major Cardozo arrived. Incidentally the BBC had no correspondent in India then.

Major Cardozo claims that he stepped on a mine set up by the Pakistan forces and that the "sahayak Balbahadur" had refused to cut his leg and that he had cut his own leg with a Khukri. He forgets to mention that his war-time living colleagues were witness to the said "event". The battalion had entered Sylhet town on 16 December and Major Cardozo had been left at the base. The same evening, he had wandered and stepped on our own mine, with part of his ankle being blown off. He was brought to the battalion medical post and Dr. Captain DK Sengupta cut the hanging ligament, holding the blown part of his ankle. Major Maney Malik was present.The next day, his ankle was amputated by a Pakistani surgeon in a Pakistani hospital at Sylhet. It is impossible for an injured man to cut his own leg with a Khukri. The name Balbahadur was given to add credence to a story, but there was no such person around as Major Cardozo and the CO shared the same "sahayak".

I remember meeting Major Cardozo on 25 December 1972. He had then admitted that the mine injury was caused due to stepping on our own mine.

My colleagues had later met the Chief of Defence Staff and other serving generals in 2021 to apprise them of the falsities in Major Cardozo's account. Major Cardozo was cautioned officially on 3 November 2021, for his false account. We were also concerned that film, "*Gorkha*" was being made, which would reiterate this account. I had taken the issue up with the I&B Ministry. The then Chief Minister of Maharashtra had contacted the lead actor and apprised him of the issue, leading to his walking out of the film and questioning the veracity of the claims.

(The article has been published at the instance of the Press Council of India)

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. Here is a quiz based on that and the notable events on this day in history

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

The Gulf War was a 1990–1991 armed campaign waged by a 39-country military coalition in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Spearheaded by the U.S., the coalition's efforts against Iraq were carried out in two key phases. Name the two phases.

QUESTION 2

This man was an English film actor who was born on August 2, 1932. Known for portraying the role of T.E. Lawrence in Lawrence of Arabia, he holds the record for the most Oscar nominations for acting without a win. Identify the actor.

QUESTION 3

An American writer born on this day, his works include *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, and *If Beale Street Could Talk*. Name the writer.

QUESTION 4

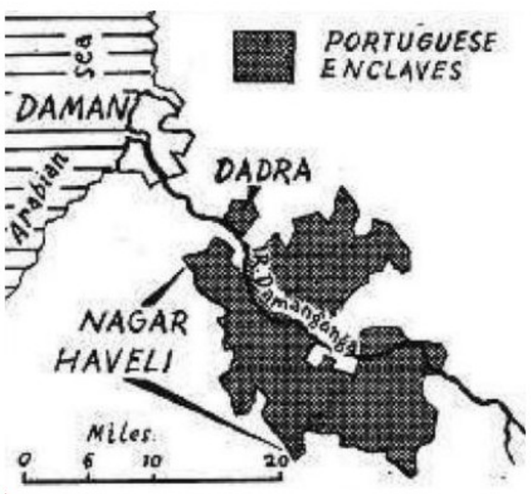
Adolf Hitler became the dictator of Germany under the title of Fuhrer on August 2, 1934. Hitler succeeded which President to become the Fuhrer?

QUESTION 5

Born on this day, he was an Indian freedom fighter. He was the designer of the flag on which the Indian National Flag was based. Identify the man.

QUESTION 6

Died on this day in 2016, he was an Egyptian and American chemist, known as the "father of femtochemistry". A Nobel laureate, he became the first Egyptian and Arab to win a Nobel Prize in a scientific field. Name the scientist.



Visual question: This is a map showing the Portuguese enclaves of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, near Daman. Name the event that happened on August 2 is significantly related to this place.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This song catapulted O' Connor to fame earning her Grammy nominations. **Ans: Nothing Compares 2 U**

2. The singer rendered a version of the theme song of this show which is based on a book series written by Diana Gabaldon. **Ans: Outlander**

3. In 1990 she received blowback for this incident, which is said to have resulted in the artist being banned from American radio stations. **Ans: She refused to have the U.S. national anthem played before her concert in New Jersey**

4. In which song does O' Connor says "These are dangerous days, to say what you feel is to dig your own grave". **Ans: Answer Black Boys on Mopeds**

5. Name the documentary on O' Connor that was released in 2022. **Ans: Nothing Compares**

Visual: O' Connor stood with her head bowed down at a tribute show for which singer. **Ans: Bob Dylan**

Early Birds: K N Viswanathan | Sarvesha Das

Word of the day

Circumspect:
watchful, wary, or unwilling to take risks

Synonyms: cautious, discreet, vigilant

Usage: *The physicians are now more circumspect about recommending its use.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/circumspectpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /sɜːkəmspekt/

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Garment factory worker's son secures eight gold medals in B.Sc (Agri)

University of Agricultural Sciences set to hold 57th convocation tomorrow at GKVK

Nishita J.
BENGALURU

1,295 students of the academic year 2021-22 will receive various degrees this year

Darshan D., son of a garment factory worker, will be living his cherished vision on the day of convocation at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, (UAS-B) as he has secured eight gold medals.

"It's a dream come true," he said, speaking to *The Hindu* on Tuesday. He will be receiving the medals on Thursday at Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra (GKVK), when the UAS-B will hold its 57th convocation.

When 22-year-old Mr. Darshan was pursuing second year of B.Sc (agriculture), he was not just thrilled to witness his seniors receive medals to loud cheers but also began to dream of standing there in the next year. "I began to prepare myself for the same working tirelessly and today I have emerged topper," he said with joy. He hails from Bagalagunte. He secured one university gold medal and seven donor gold medals with 9.23 OGPA.

Although life was not easy for Mr. Darshan as his father Devaraju L. was working in a garment factory, he and his younger brother focused on a single goal: acquiring knowledge in their field of interest. Soon after passing out from the university, he took a banking exam and got placed in a public sector bank in Maharashtra. His brother works at a multi-national company. His parents, while not pressuring him, were very supportive in all his endeavours, he said.

Mr. Darshan said after completing pre-university, he desired to pursue veterinary science, but failed to get through. However, during the counselling, agriculture studies piqued his interest and without second thought he went for it. As his grandparents were farmers in Tumakuru, it was not difficult to grasp the subjects. His parents who are rejoicing are now suggesting that he continue his education. Mr. Darshan, who is currently under probation in the bank, wants to get into M.Sc.

Sowjanya of the same stream also stands among the medal awardees with one campus gold medal and seven donor gold medals. She has a GPA of 8.98. Sowjanya's father is a farmer and is happy about her achievement. She hails from Mysuru district. She is currently pursuing her postgraduation studies in Genetics and Plant Breeding at University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga.

The convocation ceremony will be presided over by Thaawarchand Ghelot, Governor, while the convocation address will be delivered by Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Government of India and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi.

Speaking to presspersons on Tuesday, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B S.V. Suresh said 1,295 students of the academic year 2021-22 will receive various degrees this year, which includes 891 undergraduate and 299 postgraduate students and 105 doctoral degree students. This year, with 48 girls recieving awards, the numbers are more than that of the boys. Honorary Doctorate will be awarded to Krishna Ella, Chairperson of Bharat Biotech International, an alumnus of the university.

Six BMTC officials booked for forging documents to award contracts, tenders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Wilson Garden police have registered an FIR against six BMTC officials for allegedly forging the signatures of senior officers to tamper with documents and award contracts and tenders to undeserving applicants. Due to this, the corporation has incurred a loss of ₹76 lakh in a span of three years.

Assistant security and vigilance officer C.K. Ramya conducted a probe and found that the accused were involved in large-scale irregularities and filed a complaint. The police charged the accused identified as Sriram Mulkavan, Shamala S. Muddodi, Mamatha B.K., Anitha T., Satish, and Prakash Koppala, charging them under cheating, forgery and criminal breach of trust.

The accused, according to the complaint, not only forged the signature of senior officials of the corporation, but also forged documents pertaining to the commercial section and tender notification division. Citing examples of some of the forgeries, Ms. Ramya said in her complaint that the accused helped the lowest bidder get the contract, incurring a loss to the corporation worth ₹9.4 lakh in May last year.

In a similar forgery, the accused forged the signature of the Directors and manipulated the records to extend the rent free gestation period for a vendor at Mallasandra bus stand commercial complex. This according to the probe caused the corporation a loss to the tune of ₹52.15 lakh. The accused also forged the signatures of the then BMTC (IT) Director A.V. Surya Sen and MD V. Anbu Kumar to not only award the maintenance contract at BTM Layout bus stand but also helped the contractors get additional maintenance charges of ₹10.6 lakh sanctioned from the corporation.

After the charges were proven, the accused have been suspended from service and a criminal case has been registered against them.

The Wilson Garden police have taken up investigation and sought some documents.

Case registered for forging CS's signature

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police have registered a case of cheating and forgery against an unknown person for creating a forged letter with a fake signature of the Chief Secretary of Karnataka allegedly to try and get the order to supply first aid boxes to government schools.

The incident came to light when the Principal Secretary, Department of school Education and Literacy, Ritesh Kumar Singh, received the letter directing the officials of the Education Department to purchase the first aid kits from "Deshpande services".

Gold valuables recovered from graduate-turned-thief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A tip-off received from a murder accused helped the Byappanahalli police arrest a 37-year-old electronics engineer-turned-notorious thief and recover gold valuables worth ₹29 lakh. The accused Mamani Deena, a native of Chennai and a BE graduate, was in the central prison at Parappana Agrahara, over a theft case. According to the police, he became close to a murder accused who was in his cell and boasted about his crime and gang.

After the fellow inmate was out on bail, he shared the details with the Byappanahalli police. Armed with the information, the police took the accused into custody and recovered gold valuables from him.

Roof of under-construction structure collapses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two construction labourers were injured while two others escaped narrowly when the roof of an under-construction structure collapsed in a park in ITI layout in Bommanahalli on Tuesday.

The workers were putting up roof tiles when the incident occurred.

One of the injured recalling the incident said that they were passing tiles to two others labourers who were sitting on the roof of the structure to place the tiles. Due to overload, the structure crumbled and crashed on the ground, injuring the labourers.

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Notice is given to all the Fellows (by examination) who have been conferred their fellowship on or before 31st July 2013, for renewal of their membership on the basis of fellowship by examination.

In terms thereof as per Section 13 (d) of Chapter-VII, of the Bye-Laws it is mandatory for every fellow to renew his/her membership every 10 years from his/her convocation as a fellow by paying the fees as decided by the Executive Committee from time to time otherwise his/her name shall be removed from the electoral roll.

In view of the above all the Fellows, who have completed 10 years from the date and year of convocation are hereby directed to renew the membership as fellow by paying fees of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand Only) as decided by Executive Committee on or before 18th September, 2023. It is hereby made clear that, if anyone fails to renew his/her membership, his/her name shall be removed from electoral roll without giving any further notice. The renewal form is made available on our official website www.cpsmumbai.org and/ or in the office, during office hours.

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INBRIEF

Ghee supply to TTD stopped during BJP rule, says CM

Responding to an attack by the BJP over ghee from the KMF no longer being supplied to TTD for making its laddoo, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said the supply was stopped about one-and-a-half years ago when the BJP was in power. The BJP had launched a tirade against the ruling Congress following reports about the KMF abstaining from participating in the tender process for the supply of ghee as it cannot compromise on the prices.BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel had posted on X (formerly Twitter) that cancelling supply displayed a "lack of devotion" and "ignorance of Hindu sentiments". The CM, quoting Mr. Kateel's post, said, "Ghee supply to TTD was stopped one-and-a-half years ago and not yesterday or today. The supply was stopped when BJP was in power." He asked Mr. Kateel to answer whether the BJP that was in power was 'anti-Hindu'. He said if the TTD agrees to the price fixed by the KMF, then the State has no problem in resuming supply.

Shivarajkumar is new brand ambassador of KMF

Kannada film actor Shivarajkumar has been named the new brand ambassador of Nandini milk products. He was on Tuesday honoured by Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) Chairman Bheema Naik and MD Jagadish in Bengaluru, as he took over as the ambassador of the State-run milk co-operative which produces the Nandini brand. Shivarajkumar's father and matinee idol Rajkumar and subsequently his late brother Puneeth Rajkumar were ambassadors of the Nandini milk products for several years.

At ₹14,359 crore, assets of Karnataka MLAs highest among all States: ADR

The total assets of 223 MLAs from Karnataka is more than the individual annual Budgets of Mizoram and Sikkim; it is 26% of the combined total assets of all 4,001 MLAs of the country

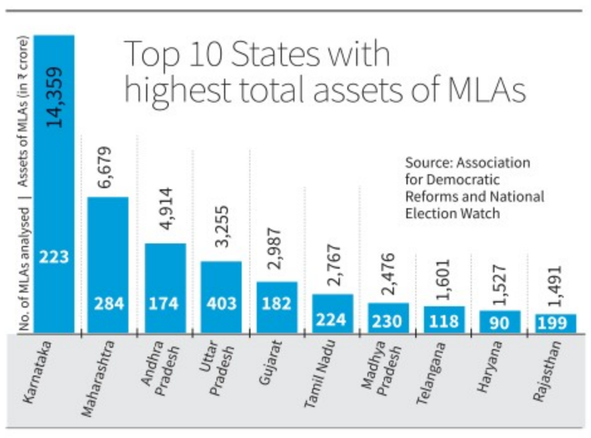
Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

The total assets of the 223 MLAs in Karnataka stands at a staggering ₹14,359 crore. This is the highest among all States and Union Territories in India.

Karnataka is followed by Maharashtra at a distant second, where the assets of all its 284 MLAs amount to ₹6,679 crore, and Andhra Pradesh, whose 174 MLAs have assets amounting to ₹4,914 crore.

This was revealed on August 1 by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch (NEW), which analysed the self-sworn affidavits of MLAs in State Assemblies and Union Territories across India.

This data has been extracted from the affidavits filed by the MLAs prior to contesting their last election. A total of 4,001 MLAs out of 4,033 have been analysed across 28 Assemblies and 2 Union Territories. This report covers 4,001 MLAs belonging to 84 political parties and independent MLAs. The total assets of 223 MLAs from Karnataka, amounting to ₹14,359 crore, are more than the individual annual Budgets of Mizoram and Sikkim. They constitute 26% of the combined assets of all 4,001 MLAs in India that stand at ₹54,545 crore. It is also more than the combined assets of MLAs of Rajasthan, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Goa, Meghalaya, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Puducherry, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. The total combined assets of MLAs from these 21 States and Union Territories add up to ₹13,976 crore.



The State with lowest total assets is Tripura where the combed assets of all the 59 MLAs is ₹90 crore, followed by Mizoram, whose 40 MLAs together account for total assets amounting to ₹160 crore, and Manipur, where 60 MLAs have total assets amounting to ₹225 crore.

While the average per MLA in State Assemblies and Union Territories is ₹13.63 crore, the average per MLA is ₹11.97 core for the 1,356 BJP MLAs, ₹21.97 crore for 719 INC (Indian National Congress) MLAs, ₹3.51 crore for the 227 AITC (All India Trinamool Congress) MLAs, ₹10.20 crore for 161 AAP MLAs, and ₹23.14 crore for the 146 YSRCP MLAs.

At ₹54,545 crore, the total assets of 4,001 MLAs is more than the combined annual Budget for 2023-24 of Nagaland, Mizoram and Sikkim, totalling ₹49,103 crore. The 2023-24 Budget of Nagaland is ₹23,086 crore, of Mizoram is ₹14,210 crore and of Sikkim is ₹11,807.

The total assets of 1,356 BJP MLAs across India is ₹16,234 crore, followed by ₹15,798 crore of the 719 INC MLAs, ₹3,379 crore of the 146 YSRCP MLAs, ₹1,663 crore of 131 DMK MLAs, and ₹1,642 crore of 161 AAP MLAs.

The total assets of BJP and INC MLAs – ₹16,234 crore and ₹15,798 crore – add up to ₹32,032 crore, or 58.73% of the total assets of ₹54,545 crore of the MLAs of 84 political parties and independent MLAs across India.

The amount of total assets of BJP and INC MLAs, which is ₹16,234 crore and ₹15,798 crore respectively, are larger than the 2023-24 annual Budgets of Mizoram, which ₹14,210 crore, and Sikkim, which is ₹11,807 crore.

CBI chargesheet against IPS officer quashed

IMA CASE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ajay Hilori

In a relief to IPS officer Ajay Hilori, the High Court of Karnataka has quashed the chargesheet filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against him for allegedly not acting against the promoters of I-Monetary Advisory (IMA), which has allegedly cheated thousands of depositors of around ₹4,000 crore.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Mr. Hilori challenging the charge sheet.

The court pointed out that the charges filed against Mr. Hilori in the CBI's chargesheet are the same set of charges levelled against him in the Departmental Inquiry, in which the all the major allegations, including the allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe from IMA promoters, could not be established.

Mr. Hilori, the court said, was only found to be negligent in sending a report on IMA to the City Police Commissioner without verifying the report submitted by his sub-ordinate officer.

The court also noted that the State government on June 14, 2023, dropped the departmental proceedings against him without imposing any penalty but merely issuing him a warning, which is not a part of any penalty prescribed under the All India Service (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969.

When the evidences, witnesses and documents in the chargesheet are the same that were produced before the departmental inquiry, the conviction of the petitioner in the trial is absolutely bleak, the court said. "The bleakness of such conviction must lead to the closure of the proceedings against the petitioner, as the petitioner cannot be made to undergo the rigmarole of trial and the sword of pendency of a criminal case hanging on his head, notwithstanding the fact that he would not be convicted for the offences so alleged against him in the criminal trial," the court observed.

Meanwhile, the court directed the petitioner would be entitled to all consequential benefits, be it benefits of conditions of service, service benefits or any other incidental benefits that would flow from quashing of the chargesheet against him.

Cong. high command to hold two meetings with State leaders today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) met in Bengaluru, with addressing the grievances of disgruntled legislators high on the agenda, party leaders from Karnataka are scheduled to meet the high command in New Delhi on Wednesday.

It is said that two meetings will be held on the day, one to chalk out strategies for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and the second between Ministers and leaders like AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal and others.

At the CLP meeting, many MLAs had raised grievances over lack of funds for development works and said that some Ministers were not accessible.

Premature to hand over Udupi case to an SIT: Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said the alleged voyeurism incident in Udupi, involving three paramedical students, is being investigated by officer of the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police. He said it was premature to hand over the case to a SIT.

Talking to presspersons, at Mangaluru International Airport, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the State government has considered the incident seriously, and hence, an officer of the rank of Dy.SP has been made the investigation officer.

On the remark by Home Minister G. Parameshwar that the Udupi incident is "child's play", Mr. Siddaramaiah retorted and said the Minister might be referring to the conduct of the three girls. "Appointing a Dy.SP as an investigation officer shows the seriousness attached to the case.Let the Dy.SP investigate," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said a member of the National Commission of Women Khushboo Sunder has already dismissed as rumours and claims that hidden cameras were used to capture images of students in the washroom of the paramedical college.

Referring to increasing incidents of moral policing in Dakshina Kannnada, he said that there is no question of showing leniency to the accused and tough action will be taken against them. "We will not allow anybody to take law into their hands," he said.

RPF constable killing Muslims a 'hate crime', says victim's family

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

The family members and friends of one of the people who were shot dead by a Railway Protection Force (RPF) constable termed the incident a 'hate crime' considering that three of the four victims were Muslims.

RPF constable Chetan Kumar opened fire inside the running Jaipur Express (12956) near Palghar Railway Station in Maharashtra on Monday and killed four people - an Assistant Police Sub-Inspector Tikaram Meena and three other passengers who were Muslims.

Syed Saifuddin, 43, from Hamilapur in Bidar district who had settled in Hyderabad as a mobile technician, is one of the slain passengers. His brother Syed Younus and friend Aslam Janab suspected that the constable identified Muslim passengers by their beard and cap before opening fire at them.

Syed Saifuddin

"It is clearly a case of hate crime. As per the emerging reports, the RPF constable, after killing the ASI, walked through the coaches and killed only Muslim passengers. It was easier for him to identify the targets with their beards and caps. Communal forces are spreading hate and the ordinary people are bearing the brunt," Mr. Janab told *The Hindu*.

Dismissing the claims of senior police officers that the accused constable was mentally unstable, Mr. Janab questioned why the self-loading rifle was given to a mentally unstable man. "Such statements are part of attempts to cover up facts," he added. Mr. Younus, who is leaving for Mumbai to collect the body of his brother, expressed similar views. "The targets were not random. The way the attacker walked through train coaches and selectively killed Muslim passengers clearly shows his intentions," said.

Mr. Saifuddin is survived by two brothers, wife and three daughters. His funeral is expected to be held in Bidar.

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DEATH

OBITUARY

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July 21, 1941 - August 1, 2023
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on Wednesday, August 2, 2023
between 3:30 and 4:00 PM

Mourned by family
Mrs Meera Thiruvady,
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Black spots of Bengaluru refuse to go away; official figures peg their number at 74

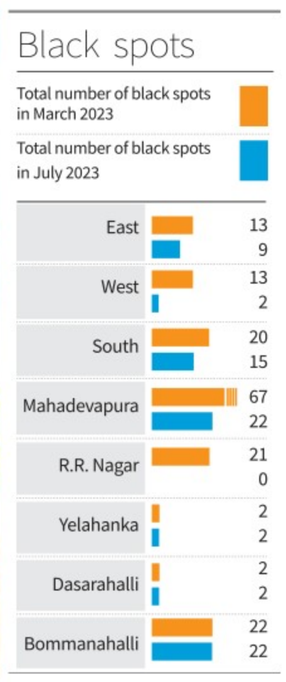
According to BBMP, Mahadevapura has the highest number of black spots because of its 'rurban' nature, but activists say it is no more than an excuse and that civic authorities can do more

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

Despite having door-to-door garbage collection in the City, numerous black spots persist where mixed waste is indiscriminately dumped, posing a significant challenge for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to clear them effectively. Over the last two years, the BBMP has attempted to reduce the number of black spots in the City, but they still persist.

In 2021, the BBMP claimed to have eliminated the number of black spots to 1,000 from 2,500. With the assistance of The Ugly Indians, BBMP marshals, and pourakarmikas, the BBMP had begun mapping blackspots which has now reduced the number to 74 as on July 23, going by the official claim. The BBMP had also started an initiative in 2019 to convert black spots into nurseries. Though the initiative did well in many areas, BBMP says that it is a temporary move and not a permanent solution to eliminate black spots in the City.

The spot where garbage used to be dumped has now been turned into a nursery at Kumaraswamy Layout in Bengaluru.



Official numbers

According to data provided by the BBMP, in March 2023, Bengaluru had 149 blackspots spread across all the zones in Bengaluru, with the highest number of blackspots identified in Mahadevapura (67), and the lowest number of black spots in Bengaluru West, Yelahanka, and Dasarahalli, with two black spots in each zone. However, over the last four months, as of July 2023, the total number of black spots stand at 74 with the highest number of black spots again identified in Mahadevapura and Bommanahalli, both with 22 blackspots each, and lowest in RR Nagar with zero black spots identified.

However, not all are convinced by the official data of the BBMP. They say that more black spots are clearly all over the place that BBMP seems to have turned a blind eye to.

Raghav Kumar, a member of a resident welfare association in an apartment on Doddaballapur Road in the Yelahanka zone says, "It is impossible that we have just two black spots in our zone. Although the Mavallipura landfill is no longer functional, the area around it has become a dump yard for garbage. Along the stretches of Ramagondanahalli, there are multiple black spots where there is no one to keep an eye on. That one stretch itself has more than two black spots."

Not easy to keep track

Justifying the numbers, BBMP Chief Marshal Rajbir Singh said, "Keeping track and procuring accurate data about black spots in an absolute sense is impossible. Black spots that are cleared and noted in the day are back sometimes in the evenings. As we speak now, a new black spot will emerge. Zones like Yelahanka, Dasarahalli, and Bengaluru West may have just two black spots according to data on a said day, but it could be less or more within just a few hours. It is hard for the BBMP to keep track of black spots in the city."

Speaking particularly about the Mahadevapura situation to *The Hindu*, Harish Kumar, Special Commissioner, SWM, blamed the "rurban" culture in Mahadevapura for the zone having the highest number of black spots. "The zone has a very rurban (rural-urban) culture due to which waste management is lacking in the area."

"Mahadevapura is the highest income and waste generating zone in Bengaluru, with a rising number of tech-parks and apartments, where people claim to not have the time for segregation and management. On the other hand, people in the rural pockets on the outskirts may lack knowledge of garbage management. Due to this the number of black spots in the area are not controllable," he said.

Mr. Kumar said that the last resort is to penalise violators to reduce the number of black spots. "Though the BBMP has been trying to educate residents and organisations in the zone to manage waste, it is still not under control. The last resort is to strictly penalise offenders and violators," he said.

Unbridled growth

Residents of the zone also feel that the drastic growth of infrastructure and population in Mahadevapura is contributing to the persistent blackspots in the area. "Mahadevapura is a big zone geographically compared to other zones in Bengaluru. In the last five years, the area has grown a lot compared to the rest of the City, there are multiple houses and apartments constructed every day, due to which waste generation has increased," Anuradha Govind from Doddanekundi.

"The BBMP must keep in mind the growth of the city and come up with a plan that is five years ahead. Currently, there is a shortage of garbage tippers, manpower, and infrastructure to manage waste collection. If a tipper does not show up one odd day, residents end up dumping it on the streets adding it to the increasing blackspots," she adds.

Another resident Viji Raja, from Ramagondanahalli, says the BBMP must strengthen their monitoring skills "There are plenty of empty plots where garbage gets collected. There are many constructions happening too, due to which construction debris is also increasing. At these empty plots and construction sites, waste is not monitored by the BBMP. The civic body focuses on only allotted areas or communities and ignores these empty plots which are adding to the increasing number of black spots in the area."

BBMP should do more

Mailini Parmar, a solid waste management expert and co-founder of Hasiru Dala, says, "Way back in 2011 segregating waste was not even a compulsion, but our community in urban Mahadevapura had started segregating waste despite having a busy lifestyle. Even in rural areas of Mahadevapura like Kanamangala, residents in the area have started segregating waste after we started working with them closely. Blaming the 'rurban' culture for the increasing number of black spots in the city is not justified. The BBMP must get down on the ground, understand the issues in the zone and come up with a plan to implement segregation at source."

There are zones in the city like Dasarahalli and Bommanahalli that have an average of 90% segregation due to the efforts put in by the BBMP staff and residents of the zones, she points out. "Staff who worked in these zones must be put incharge of zones like Mahadevapura. We must also understand that collective efforts not just from the BBMP but also by elected representatives, waste volunteers, and residents, can help to eliminate the black spots in Mahadevapura."

WoW way to make Jayanagar a zero-waste locality

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BENGALURU

Over the last five years, WOW (Women of Wisdom) run by women from ward number 177, in J.P. Nagar, Jayanagar constituency, has been constantly trying to make the popular South Bengaluru locality a zero-waste producing area. Though the women are still not anywhere close to reaching their goal, the group hopes to get there very soon.

The women who run the group started composting wet waste generated at their own kitchens, which slowly turned into a norm for their entire lane, and now the entire ward following them. The women in the group also educate families in the neighborhood on why it is important to cut down on the usage of single-use plastic and paper. Members of WOW say that constant education and guidance in the neigbourdhood has reduced the number of black spots too in the area.

WOW now has women from the entire ward participating actively.

Building a relationship

Shwetha Urs, Secretary of WOW and a resident of Jayanagar constituency, says it is important to educate the neighborhood and build a relationship with the BBMP to have a zero-waste generating community.

"We started WOW as a group in our street, now we have women from the entire ward who actively participate in the initiative. Our aim is to make Jayanagar a zero waste generating constituency. When we started the group we began educating our neighbours on the importance of waste segregation. We even went along with the waste collectors to every household in the ward and educated them on the various catergories of waste and segregation. However, what is more important is to educate the neighbourhood to build a friendly correlation with the BBMP."

"We make sure that everyone in our neighbourhood knows the names of the pourakrmikas and tipper drivers, who clean our streets and collect waste from our household every day," she says. "When we notice black spots in our neighbourhood, we do not just raise a complaint with the BBMP but also discuss with them on the ways in which we can help the civic body work. A healthy relationship with the BBMP has helped make our ward cleaner and sustainable."

Single-use utensils

Ms. Urs also emphasised the importance of having plate banks in the neigbourhoods. "Anyone who is hosting a gathering, or an event can borrow steel plates from us, we encourage them to get their own water bottles". Women from WOW not just follow these sustainability methods at their ward, but also help groups from different wards and areas.

The sky has no limit

The grasping capabilities of mentally challenged students are usually underestimated, says Vanishree Manahor.

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BENGALURU

As many as 80 children with special needs were at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru for a screening of a short film on the Solar System in the sky theatre. It was organised by Association for the Mentally Challenged (AMC).

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Vanishree Manahor, Secretary of the AMC said, "The grasping capabilities of mentally challenged students are usually underestimated. Here in AMC, we ensure that the students are introduced to various subjects and fields and we look forward to encouraging their response and keeping no prejudiced restrictions."

"The children, for the first time in their life, heard about the planets and their names and were in glee at almost each and every moment as the movie progressed, they were all applauding and cheering. To just receive such a response was so enthralling," she said. The AMC aims to build a platform where the special abilities of children are paid attention to, transcending basic conventional approaches and stereotypes to learning.

Pramod G. Galgali, Director of the Planetarium, said, "Towards education of children with special abilities, the AMC has positively stated that it is going to engage with the planetarium and keep coming up with such projects in the future, to introduce complex information regarding science and technology," he said.

"It was very special to experience science like this, I saw comets and planets and the sun and learned new things about our solar system," said Nazim, a student of AMC.

Five young Bengaluru girls bag gold at Olympics of Dance

Over 1,20,000 participants from 62 countries competed at their country qualifiers

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BENGALURU

A five-member team of girls from Bengaluru won the gold at the Dance World Cup, also known as the Olympics of Dance, held in Portugal recently.

The five girls – Sriharini Arunmozhi, Keerthana Sethupathy, Aadhya Sachin, Sai Bhavani, and Sanjana Naveen – represented India in the folklore dance category and won the coveted prize. The event was held at the Theatre Circo, Braga, Portugal.

Ten-year-old Sriharini said, "It was very exciting to perform at the Dance World Cup and bring laurels to our country. Felt very happy and emotional when our group name was announced as the winner. I have participated in many competitions, but this one would be a moment that I will cherish for a long time."
Eleven-year-old Keerthana said, "I felt very happy that all the hard practices we had done had paid off, and I felt so elated that we had won gold."

The five-member girls team.

Dance World Cup is an all-genre competition for children and young adults around the world.

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Over 120,000 competitors from 62 countries compete at their country qualifiers, and over 6,000 of the best dancers around the world represent their country.

Eleven-year-old Aadhya could not hide her emotions. She said, "On the day of the show, when the names of our whole Bharatanatyam group were announced as the first place, I unlocked all my emotions – crying out of joy, happy tears." Sai Bhavani and Sanjana, two 18-year-olds, said that this indeed was a great opportunity and representing the nation and winning gold brings them utmost pride.

Their dance trainer, Samyuktha Shankar, added, "Seeing our students win the gold medal in the folklore category at the Dance World Cup for India filled my heart with immense pride and joy, knowing that their hard work and dedication had paid off, and they had become shining examples of talent and perseverance."

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 2, 1973

Mysore Cabinet Decides on Economy Steps

Bangalore, Aug 1: The Mysore Cabinet, at its meeting here today, reviewed the financial position of the State and discussed several proposals in effecting economy in expenditure.

Both the Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs and the Finance Minister, Mr. M.Y. Ghorpade said after the cabinet meeting that the finances of the state were not in the "red", as made out in a section of the press.

The Chief Minister told newsmen that drought relief works could not be stopped suddenly and had to be tapered off gradually.

About 8.5 lakhs people were now employed in relief works.

Mr. Urs pointed out that the Centre was committed to meeting the entire expenditure on drought relief works and could not go back on its assurance.

Banks to Handle Finances of 14 Civic Bodies

Bangalore, Aug 1: Selected municipalities and the nationalised banks will work in close co-ordination in implementing the various developmental activities in the areas of these municipalities under a new arrangement being tried by the Mysore Government .

Under the new arrangement, the banks will be the chief controlling agencies for operating the revenue and expenditure accounts and the municipalities will transact all their business through the banks. The municipalities will also borrow money from the banks for their developmental activities.

For better or verse Panelists at a previous edition of the Bengaluru Poetry Festival. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Meet the poets who will be at the Bengaluru Poetry Festival

Some of the poets who will perform at the seventh edition of this festival share their stories

Megha Rao

Poetry for Megha Rao is a lot more than a tool of self-expression. She sees it as a way of calling her power back to herself, of reclaiming her own narrative. "For the longest time, in my personal life, I felt deeply disempowered," says the performance poet, writer and artist, who shuttles between Mumbai and Kerala. Poetry changed the way she saw herself – "from a victim to someone who had control over her life," says Rao. "You start being in love with your own life. It was a journey I so badly needed."

Like many writers, Megha started putting words together very early, by around six. "Cute stuff," she says, with a laugh. Then she went through some experiences in life and could no longer relate to this sort of writing. Instead, she found herself gravitating towards confessional poets, including Anne Sexton and Sylvia Plath.

Sourav Roy

"My core is poetry. Everything I do is centred around poetry," says Bengaluru-based poet, translator, and educator Sourav Roy. It is why Sourav, whose current day job involves teaching Hindi to middle-schoolers, chooses to do what he does. "I do this because I am a Hindi poet and in Bengaluru, I don't think enough in Hindi," says Sourav.

Sourav says he has been writing poetry since childhood. He uses the art form to dredge memory and capture day-to-day experiences, says Sourav, whose published books include *Kaal Baisakhi* (a collection of poems), *Karnakavita* (editor of an anthology of Hindi-Urdu poetry from Bengaluru), *Soho Mein Marx* (as translator of three plays by Howard Zinn) and *Os Ki Prithvi* (a translation of Japanese Haiku)

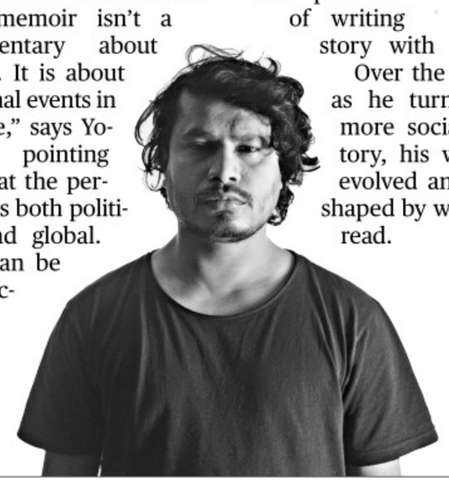
He will be launching an anthology of Bengaluru-based Hindi-Urdu poets at the Poetry Festival.

Preeti Zachariah

"Poetry goes on when nothing else does. It is our only weapon against mortality," says Shinie Antony, festival director of the Bengaluru Poetry Festival, the seventh edition of which will be held on August 5 and 6 at the Grand Mercure Bengaluru, Gopalan Mall. The festival, which will see over 50 poets, artists and musicians attend, "is coming with song and strange new rhapsodies, with magic poems, shock poems and poems that whisper tenderly," as Shinie puts it. "Verse is flying at you." Some of the poets, who will be part of the festival, share their journey.

Yogesh Maitreya

"English was being dissolved like a drug on my tongue. I liked the hallucination this language was providing me, in which none of my caste-realities were visible to me," writes poet, writer and translator Yogesh Maitreya in his recently published memoir, *Water in a Broken Pot*, an intensely honest book that tackles themes such as trauma, loneliness, discrimination, love, identity, dreams and so much more. "My memoir isn't a commentary about things. It is about personal events in my life," says Yogesh, pointing out that the personal is both political and global. "We can be intellectuals and experts, but unless we speak about our personal, intimate vulnerabilities, I don't think we can connect with people."



Yogesh's relationship with English has always been a complicated one. "It is a dilemma any Dalit person growing up in the '90s would have had. We didn't have social capital around that language, but it enchanted us," he says, admitting that though it was the language of the white coloniser, he found "the possibilities of writing my story with it."

Over the years, as he turned to more social history, his writing evolved and was shaped by what he read.

Zilka Joseph

Nostalgia, religion, miracles, home, identity, poetry and so much more come together in Zilka Joseph's Sparrows and Dust, one of the poems in her 2021 chapbook, also called Sparrows and Dust. " It is an interesting book influenced by flavours of Christianity, Judaism, Sufism, and has themes of birds, death, the afterlife, loss and grief all woven together," she says of the book, which won a Best Indie Book Award and was nominated for a Pushcart.

As always, this book is drawn from her multiple experiences and hyphenated identities. She belongs to the Bene Israel community, the largest and oldest of the Jewish communities in India, was born in Mumbai, grew up in Calcutta and now lives in Ann Arbor, USA. "It is natural that all these influences will inform my work. It is not a conscious thing," says the award-winning poet.

Words came early to Zilka. Always interested in books and reading, she began with "childish little poems" and soon found herself writing more seriously, getting published in several local publications. "I did not consider myself a writer or know that I would be one," she admits. "It wasn't seen as a serious pursuit."

When she moved with her husband to the US,she began attending readings, literary events and writing workshops, going on to garner an MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

Today, she has multiple books under her belt, has won several poetry awards, has been published in several journals and magazines and is a freelance writing coach and manuscript advisor, something she loves doing. She is currently working on her next book "a simple collection of poems and short prose about Bene Israel food and my childhood memories," says Zilka.

CITYBEATS

Brew on a farm

AUGUST 5, 4.30PM
Maverick & Farmer Coffee is having its first edition of Friends of the Farmer brew session. There will be a wide range of produce by farmers from the local coffee community. Visitors can interact and learn about local brews and treat themselves to a range of snacks. Fee is ₹500.
At Maverick & Farmer, Ulsoor

Cafe culture

ONGOING
Conçu Debuts celebrates its 11th anniversary by opening its 10th outlet in Bengaluru.
The new outlet offers a tranquil ambience, perfect for contemplation and unhurried reading, allowing an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city outside, say the founders.
The new outlet is on 12th Main Rd, Doopanahalli, Indiranagar.

Korean pizza

ONGOING
GOPIZZA India, a South Korean pizza brand, has announced the launch of its Korean menu. There will be vegetarian and non vegetarian options with dishes such as ramyun bowls, and Korean ramyun noodles, chicken wings, chicken pops to name a few.
Available across all outlets and on food delivery apps.

A musical fundraiser

Shilpa Anandraj

The Kiara Academy of Performing Arts will present a music and dance extravaganza, called *Always in the Mood*.

The evening will feature varied genres of music – jazz, rock, blues and a little bit of pop, besides country and western. "It will be a tribute to legendary musicians such as Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone, The Beatles, Dolly Parton, John Denver, Karen Carpenter and George Benson. Besides these, there will also be medleys from popular Broadway musicals like *Aladdin, Six, Tick, Tick... Boom!* and *Hamilton,*" says Wendy M Dickenson, founder of Kiara Academy of Performing Arts.

Wendy, who is also director of the show, says that the music comes with complete orchestration. Dance choreography, by Anahieta Mohandesi and Rachel Ann Franco, will be executed by a 17-member dance ensemble.

Wendy started Kiara Academy of Performing Arts in 2006.

"We started with music but gradually grew to teaching dance and theatre too. This is what *Always in the Mood* will feature and will be presented by the students trained in our academy." Wendy adds that they have been supporting Bosco Rainbow Home For Girls with fundraisers for the past seven years.

"The Bosco Rainbow Home For Girls rehabilitates, educates and provides shelter to girls who come from domestic and financially distressed backgrounds. I have visited Bosco Rainbow Home For Girls and was convinced with the kind of work they do. With events from Kiara, we are doing our bit to help them."

Wendy is passionate about music and has always been fond of singing. She has conducted the St Joseph's College choir and St Patrick's church choir for almost two decades.

Always in the Mood will be staged on August 5 and 6 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, 7pm. Donor Passes and Tickets – priced at ₹750, ₹500, ₹350 – will be available at Lusitania stores on Brigade Road, Mosque Road and on Zomato and Paytm Insider.

All tuned in The ensemble from Kiara Academy of Performing Arts. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

EATING OUT

Maayaa — Culinary Exotica from South India
Address: Maayaa — Culinary Exotica from South India, The Courtyard by Sublime, Prestige Trade Tower, Palace Road, Sampangi Rama Nagar, High Grounds, Bengaluru
Hits: Veg moilee and chicken ghee roast
Misses: Idiyappam
Timings: 12 noon to 10:30 pm
Call: +918971197098
Ambience: Tropical and modern
Wallet factor: ₹1,200 for two people

South Indian coastal delights for office goers

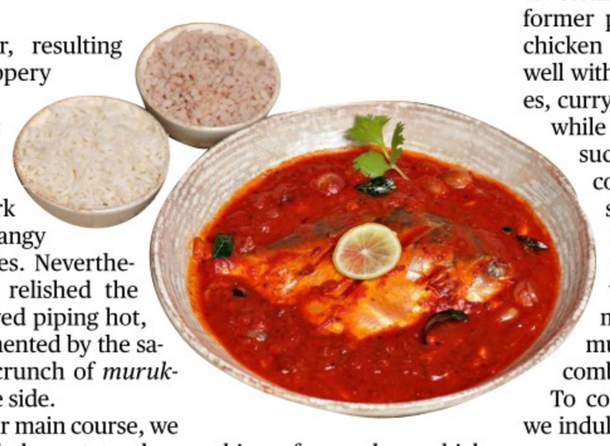
Swathi Nair

Maayaa boasts a delightful ambience with tropical-inspired décor , adorned with captivating banana and palm tree wallpapers, elegant golden cane lamps, and plush velvet-clad orange sofas that are in harmony with the chic black-and-white flooring.

Conveniently situated on the ground floor of a building that houses office spaces, the restaurant serves as a lunchtime haven for busy office goers. As a restaurant specialising in South Indian cuisine, it treats its patrons to a wide array of dishes from the coastal regions.

Our table is set on an elevated wooden deck, with a live banana plant next to it. The ambience exudes charm with various intriguing elements, including a display of multi-coloured four-tiered tiffin boxes on a shelf, origami bird lights, and refurbished vintage cabinets.

Lunch begins with a bowl of mango *rasam*, a warm soup originating from Tamil Nadu. This piquant concoction blended black pepper, mango, and coriander, resulting in a peppery profile, though it slightly missed the mark on the tangy sour notes. Nevertheless, we relished the dish served piping hot, complemented by the satisfying crunch of *murukku* on the side.



For our main course, we had the baby potato ghee roast, spiced with Mangaore-style seasonings. The dish proved to be a delightful match with the thin, soft *neer dosa*, which soaked in all the rich flavours of the roast.

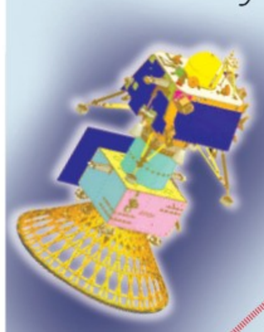
Moving on to the Rayalaseema mutton *vepudu*, we were transported to the authentic Andhra spice roots, revelling in the blend of fiery spices that accompanied the dish. Pairing it with hot *idiyappams* proved to be an excellent choice, though the *idiyappams* were a tad thicker than they should be. Ideally, *idiyappams* should have a dollop of thick, fluffy white batter at the centre, gradually thinning at the periphery, but that was not the case here.

The standout dish on the menu is definitely the creamy and thick vegetable *moilee* from Kerala, skillfully balancing the flavours of coconut milk with the goodness of carrots and beans. It is undoubtedly one of the star attractions on the menu.

The Mangalorean delights on the menu truly shine, with the chicken ghee roast and prawn *urval* stealing the show. The former presents boneless chicken pieces roasted well with a medley of spices, curry leaves, and ghee, while the latter features succulent prawns cooked in a blend of spicy, nutty, and sour notes. Both dishes pair well with *appams*, making them a must-try combination.

To conclude our meal, we indulged in the *elaneer payasam*. This dessert harmoniously combined coconut cream with tender coconut, leaving a lasting impression.

Chandrayaan-3's journey so far



The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft, which was launched on July 14, has left the earth's orbit and entered the moon's sphere of influence following the TransLunar Injection (TLI) which was successfully performed on August 1.

July 14: The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft was launched by the LVM3-M4 from Sriharikota and the integrated module (comprising Lander Module, Propulsion Module and Rover) was placed in an Elliptic Parking Orbit of size ~170 x 36,500 km.

Subsequently ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru carried out five orbit-raising manoeuvres of the Chandrayaan-3 mission between July 15 and July 25

July 15: First manoeuvre placed the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft in the 41,762 km x 173 km orbit

July 17: Second manoeuvre placed the spacecraft in the 41,603 km x 226 km orbit

July 18: Third manoeuvre placed the spacecraft in the 51,400 km x 228 km orbit

July 20: Fourth manoeuvre placed the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft in the 71,351 km x 233 km orbit

July 25: Fifth manoeuvre placed the spacecraft in the 1,27,603 km x 236 km orbit

TransLunar Injection

August 1: ISTRAC performed the TLI on August 1 to slingshot Chandrayaan-3 towards the moon. The perigee burn successfully raised its orbit to 288 km x 3,69,328 km

August 5: Chandrayaan-3 expected to reach the lunar orbit

Following this, a series of moon-bound orbit manoeuvres will be performed by Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft

August 23: The lander is expected to touch down on the lunar surface at 5.47 p.m.

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Chandrayaan-3 health normal; enters moon's sphere of influence

ISRO performs TLI to slingshot the spacecraft towards the moon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The health of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft is normal and it has entered the moon's sphere of influence following the Trans Lunar Injection (TLI). The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) performed TLI to slingshot Chandrayaan-3 towards the moon early on Tuesday. The TLI was performed successfully from ISRO Telemetry, Tracking, and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru.

The space agency updated that the health of the spacecraft which was launched on July 14 is normal.

"The spacecraft's health is normal. Tuesday's perigee burn has successfully raised Chandrayaan-3 orbit to 288 kmx3,69,328 km. In this orbit, the spacecraft enters the moon's sphere of influence. A crucial manoeuvre at perilune would achieve the Lunar Orbit Injection (LOI)," the space agency said.

Post the midnight TLI, ISRO said: "Chandrayaan-3 completes its orbits around the Earth and heads towards the Moon. A successful perigee-firing performed at ISTRAC, ISRO has injected the spacecraft into the translunar orbit," the space agency said. The TLI was planned for Tuesday between midnight and 1 a.m.

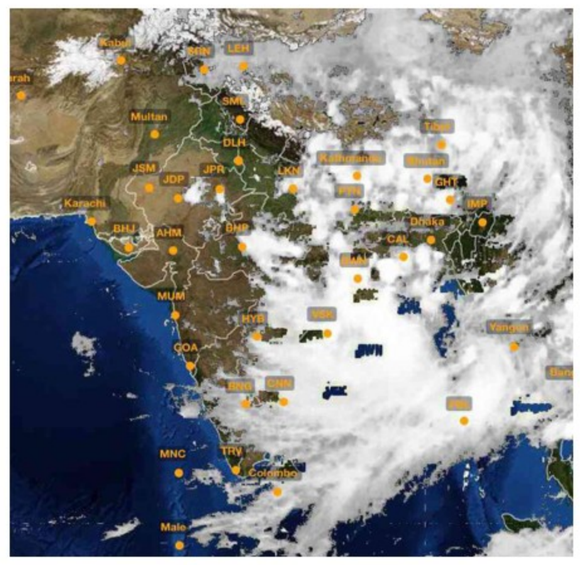
Chandrayaan-3 is expected to reach the lunar orbit on August 5 and the spacecraft's liquid engine will be fired again to insert the spacecraft into a lunar orbit. "LOI is planned for August 5," ISRO added.

After this, there will be four orbit manoeuvres to make the spacecraft enter into its final orbit at a distance of about 100 km from the moon's surface. The Chandrayaan-3 consists of a lander module (LM), a propulsion module (PM) and a rover.

The PM and LM separation would happen on August 17. A series of deboost manoeuvres are also scheduled to take place before the power descent phase for soft-landing on the moon. The lander is expected to touchdown on the moon surface on August 23 at 5.47 p.m.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and coastal Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.6	26.4	Kozhikode	10	33.0	24.4
Ahmedabad	7	29.3	26.0	Kurnool	4	32.5	24.2
Aizawl	—	35.6	21.5	Lucknow	1	35.9	26.8
Allahabad	—	34.0	27.6	Madurai	—	39.8	26.1
Bengaluru	—	28.0	20.8	Mangaluru	2.9	29.4	24.5
Bhopal	—	—	24.6	Mumbai	3	30.8	25.8
Bhubaneswar	5.4	28.2	23.5	Mysuru	—	30.0	22.6
Chandigarh	—	36.4	27.7	New Delhi	—	36.7	26.6
Chennai	—	36.5	29.5	Patna	0.2	35.3	25.8
Coimbatore	—	34.5	23.8	Port Blair	1	30.9	26.7
Dehradun	13	34.3	25.5	Puducherry	—	37.2	28.3
Gangtok	13	23.4	19.0	Pune	8.2	28.3	22.3
Goa	8	30.9	24.0	Raipur	2.8	31.5	26.2
Guwahati	—	37.7	27.6	Ranchi	40	27.0	22.3
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	39	27.2	18.5
Hyderabad	37	29.8	22.1	Shimla	16	24.2	16.5
Imphal	1	30.2	22.5	Srinagar	—	32.0	19.1
Jaipur	3	33.0	25.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.0	24.8
Kochi	—	30.2	26.0	Tiruchi	—	36.7	28.0
Kohima	—	29.6	19.4	Vijayawada	—	33.9	27.2
Kolkata	60	34.8	26.3	Visakhapatnam	2	32.0	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.28	.37	.38	54	72	
Bengaluru	.8	.24	.72	29	108	
Chennai	.3	.87	.44	66	60	
Delhi	.19	112	.50	85	247	
Hyderabad	.11	.9	.36	63	80	
Kolkata	.8	.26	.26	29	34	
Lucknow	.6	.25	103	45	53	
Mumbai	.33	.4	108	29	42	
Pune	131	225	110	43	38	
Visakhapatnam	.14	.37	.24	49	85	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 192 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GI tags given to crafts from Rajasthan, mangoes grown in Goa

Sangeetha Kandavel
CHENNAI

Seven products from across India including four from Rajasthan were given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.

The Jalesar Dhatu Shilp (metal craft), Goa Mankurad mango, Goan Bebinca, Udaipur Koftgari metal craft, Bikaner Kashidakari craft, Jodhpur Bandhej craft and Bikaner Usta Kala craft were the ones which got the tag.

The application for the Goa Mankurad mango was filed by All Goa Mango Growers Association, Panaji, Goa. The Portuguese named the mango as Malcorada meaning poor coloured and with time this word transformed to 'Mankurad' *aamo*. *Aamo* means mango in Konkani language.

For the Goan Bebinca, the application was filed by All Goa Bakers and Confectioners Association. Bebinca is a type of pudding and a traditional Indo-Portuguese dessert. It is also known as the Queen of Goan desserts.

At Jalesar in Etah district in Uttar Pradesh, which was the capital of Magadha King Jarasandha, over 1,200 small units are engaged in making Jalesar Dhatu Shilp. This place is known for making decorative metal craft as well as brassware.

Four different crafts from Rajasthan were given the GI tags. The Udaipur Koftgari metal craft was one among them. According to details provided in the documents submitted to the GI office, the Udaipur Koftgari metal craftsmen practices the ancient art of Koftgari used in making ornamental weaponry. The weapons are exquisitely ornamented by a complicated process of etching of design, heating and then cooling intertwined with the process of embedding gold and silver wire into the metal, pressing and flattening it to a smooth surface using moonstone and finally polishing.

The second product from Rajasthan was the Bikaner Kashidakari craft. Kashidakari work is done majorly on objects associated with marriage, especially gift items, and makes use of mirror work.

The Jodhpur bandhej craft is the Rajasthani art of tying and dyeing. It is the art of printing varied patterns on fabrics using the tie and dye method.

The Bikaner Usta Kala craft is also known as gold nakashi work or gold manauti work, due to the prominence of golden colour in an actual manner developed by gold in the previous period. Due to this, the craft has longevity.

IBC in pact with GoK to set up recyclable lithium-ion battery plant

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Government of Karnataka and US-based International Battery Company (IBC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Tuesday to set up a recyclable lithium-ion battery manufacturing unit with an investment outlay of ₹8,000 crore in the State.

Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil said the company would set up the battery unit on a patch of 100-acres of land in Bengaluru Rural District. "After the realisation of the project, the State would have its second lithium-ion battery manufacturing facility paving the way for becoming the front runner as a Li-ion battery manufacturing State in the country," the Minister said.

According to Priyadarshi Panda, Founder and CEO, IBC, a pilot plant in Korea is on the verge of completion and the first set of test batteries is ready to be tested by the potential customers of the company. The visiting IBC team explained the importance of recyclable batteries and emphasised the need for setting up dry rooms and clean rooms for high-quality production of batteries.

The MoU was signed by IBC India president Venkatesh Valluri and principal secretary Selvakumar.

Foxconn may 'significantly' increase investments in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

M.B. Patil and Priyank Kharge, Karnataka Ministers holding portfolios of Large and Medium Industries and IT/BT had a "fruitful discussion" with iPhone maker Foxconn in Chennai.

According to Mr. Patil, the industrial and investment policies of the State government were conducive to nurturing an ecosystem favouring the growth of industries. "The talks we held with the Foxconn chairman were fruitful," the Minister said.

Meanwhile, the State government has been in a series of interactions with Foxconn officials concurrently in the last three days. Foxconn may also make an additional investment of ₹5,000 crore in the State, said a source.

Foxconn Industrial Internet (Fii), a subsidiary of iPhone maker Foxconn, a fortnight ago, made a proposal to set up a plant in Karnataka with an investment outlay of ₹8800 crore. Fii would engage in manufacturing screens, and outer coverings apart from making mechanical components needed for phones.

This would be a supplementary plant and different from the one Foxconn is currently planning to set up at ITIR (Information Technology Investment Region) in Devanahalli.

Accused in Aluva murder has POCSO case against him: SIT

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The SIT probing the alleged sexual assault and murder of a five-year-old migrant girl in Aluva has found that the accused, Asafaq Alam, has a case registered against him under the POCSO Act. District Police Chief (Ernakulam Rural) Vivek Kumar said the case was registered in 2018 in Delhi.

Apart from the POCSO Act, Sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 354A (sexual harassment of the nature of unwelcome physical contact and advances or a demand or request for sexual favours or showing pornography) of the IPC were invoked in that case. Alam was an undertrial prisoner in Delhi for a month after which he was released, following which he absconded. "A search in the NCRB database using his fingerprints returned details about the 2018 case. We are verifying his criminal antecedents," said Mr. Kumar.

Meanwhile, a court granted the police 10 day custody of the accused.

Two habitual offenders shot dead in Chennai

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Two history-sheeters were shot dead by a police team near Guduvanchery, a Chennai suburb, as they reportedly attacked an SI with a sickle during a routine vehicle check on Tuesday. Tambaram Police Commissioner A. Amalraj said, "While our personnel were conducting vehicle checks early Tuesday, these persons attacked one of our SIs on duty. In self-defence, our personnel opened fire."

The checks were going on in Guduvanchery police station limits under the Tambaram City Police Commissionerate. The duo were taken to Government General Hospital, Chengalpattu, where they were declared brought dead.

BUSINESS CONNECT — A Business Initiative

Sangeetha Mobiles - Creating a New Landmark in Yelahanka

Sangeetha Mobiles created a momentous milestone in Yelahanka by unveiling its magnificent flagship gadget store in the area. The store's grand opening was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri SR Vishwanath, the MLA of Yelahanka, who inaugurated the store with grace and enthusiasm. Adding to the excitement was the appearance of Mirnalini Ravi, celebrated for the 'tum tum song,' who unveiled the highly anticipated Oppo Reno10. Joining the celebration were the key figures from Sangeetha Mobiles, including Shri Chandu Reddy, CEO, Shri Bharat Prabhat, Marketing Head, and Shri Sudheer, Business Head. Located in Yelahanka New Town, opposite Aggarwal's Hospital, the store opened its doors with an array of delights for customers, offering special inaugural deals and exclusive offers to mark this momentous occasion. Sangeetha Mobiles Pvt Ltd. established in 1974 by LP Narayana Reddy and friends as a single shop selling gramophones, the brand has evolved constantly. Sangeetha has come a long way under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Subhash Chandra. His consumer-centric approach has not only taken Sangeetha to new heights but has also made it the most loved brand in the mobile sector.

Girias 131st store inauguration at Hesarghatta Main road

Recently Girias's 131st Store was inaugurated at Hesarghatta by MR.P L GIRIA,(MANAGING DIRECTOR GIRIAS), Mr.H R Giria (Director, GIRIAS),Naveen Giria (Director, GIRIAS) MR.MANISH GIRIA,(DIRECTOR GIRIAS) & Vijay Kumar (LAND LORD). Girias a multi-city showroom brand of more than 5 decades of quality delivery and unmatched service GIRIAS believes in the philosophy of providing the latest products to customers at the best market price. Girias has come a long way and is undoubtedly India's leading retailer with 130+ Mega Stores. The very fact that thousands of customers come back to GIRIAS for their consumer durable needs proves the quality of service and delivery promise that they give to Customers, GIRIAS - "The One Stop Shop for Consumer Durable Needs".

Shantanu Roy takes charge as CMD of BEML Limited

Shantanu Roy has assumed charge as the next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of BEML Limited, a Schedule 'A' company under the Ministry of Defence. Mr. Roy was holding the position of Director (Mining & Construction Business) and has over 30 years of extensive experience in capital goods sectors for defense, mining & construction, transportation, transmission, renewable, and large power projects. As a six-sigma black belt certified professional, he is well-versed in various models of project financing, mechanisms and processes for financial closure of large projects, international laws, arbitration rules, international legal & arbitration cases, and statutory & legal compliances.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby informed that my client/s intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder for valuable consideration from its owner **1) Shri S. Mohamed Valli S/o Late: S. Mohamed Peer 2) Syed Nissar mehadi S/o Late: Mahboob Miyan Sahib 3) Smt: Rahamath Bano W/o Syed Nissar Mehadi, Residing at No. 1339/E, B.M. Road Cross, Shaik Colony, Channapatna Town -562 160, Ramanagara Distrct,** who has Represented they are the absolute owners and is in peace full possession of the schedule properties any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any Right, title interest or claim over the schedule properties in any manner shall submit their objection or claims along with the supporting Documents in my office at below mentioned address **within 15 days** from the date of this publication, and any objections or claims Received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claimant/s or objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No: 1 All that piece and parcel of **Ramanagara District, Channapatna Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Honganur village, Bearing Sy. No. 279/3, Extents 00-09.08 guntas** and bounded as follows: **East by ::** Sy.No. 277 property of Srinivasa, **West by ::** Government Road, **North by ::** Sy.No. 279/2 property of Kamaraju, **South by ::** Property of Rajeshwarammanni.

Item No: 2, property bearing **Sy. No. 274/4, extents 00-16 ¾ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 277 property of Srinivasa, **West by ::** Government Road, **North by ::** Sy.No. 279/2 property of Kamaraju, **South by ::** Property of Rajeshwarammanni.

Item No: 3, Property bearing **Sy. No. 274/1, extents 00-04 ¼ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 276/3 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **West by ::** Sy.No. 274/4 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Property of Rajeshwarammanni, **South by ::** Sy.No. 274/2 property of Puttashetty,

Item No: 4 , property bearing **Sy. No. 276/3, extents 00-12 ¾ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 276/4 property of S. Mahammed Valli, **West by ::** Sy.No. 274/1 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No. 276/1 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **South by ::** Sy.No. 275 Property of Jagadeesha Raja Urs.

Item No: 5, property bearing **Sy. No.276/4, extents 00-16 ¾ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 270/2 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 276/3 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No. 276/2 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **South by ::** Sy. No. 275 Property of Jagadeesha Raja Urs.

Item No: 6, property bearing **Sy. No. 276/1, extents 00-16 ¾ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No.276/2 Property of S. Mahammed Valli **West by ::** Sy.No.279/4 Property of Rajeshwarammanni, **North by ::** Sy.No. 277 Property of Srinivasa, **South by ::** Sy.No. 276/3 and 4 Property of S. Mahammed Valli.

Item No: 7, property bearing **Sy. No. 276/2, extents 00-16 ¾ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 270/1 Property of Rahamath Banu, **West by ::** Sy.No. 276/1 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No.277 Property of Srinivas, **South by ::** Sy.No.276/4 property of S. Mahammed Valli.

Item No: 8 , property bearing **Sy. No. 270/1, extents 00-09 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/1 and 2 Property of Rahamath Banu and S. Mahammed Valli, **West by ::** Sy.No. 276/2 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No. 277, **South by ::** Sy.No. 270/2 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 9 , property bearing **Sy. No. 270/2, extents 00-10 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/2 and 3 property of Rahamath Banu & Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 275 Property of Jagadeesha Raja Urs, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/1 Property of Rahamath Banu, **South by ::** Sy.No. 270/3 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi

Item No: 10, property bearing **Sy. No. 270/3, extents 00-10 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/4 Property of Rahamath Banu **West by ::** Sy.No. 277, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/2 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 270/4 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 11, property bearing **Sy. No. 270/4 , extents 00-13 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/4 Property of Rahamath Banu **West by ::** Sy.No. 277, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/3 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 270/5 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 12, property bearing **Sy. No. 270/5, extents 00-15 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 property of S. Mahammed Valli , **West by ::** Sy.No. 271, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/4 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 270/6 and 7 and 8 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi & Rahamath Bano.

Item No: 13, property bearing **Sy. No. 270/6, extents 00-06 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/6 Property of Rahamath Banu **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/7 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/5 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 267.

Item No: 14 , property bearing **Sy. No. 270/7, extents 00-06 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 270/6 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/8 property of Rahamath Banu, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/5 Property of Prop erty of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 267.

Item No: 15, property bearing **Sy. No. 270/8, extents 00-06 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 270/7 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 271, **North by ::** Sy.No. 270/5 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 267.

Item No: 16, property bearing **Sy. No. 269/1 , extents 00-04 ½ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 268/1 Property of Rahamath Banu **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/1 Property of Rahamath Banu, **North by ::** Sy.No. 277, **South by ::** Sy.No. 268/2 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 17 , property bearing **Sy. No. 269/2 , extents 00-07 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 268/1 Property of Rahamath Banu **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/1 Property of Rahamath Banu, **North by ::** Sy.No. 269/1 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **South by ::** Sy.No. 269/3 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 18, property bearing **Sy. No. 269/3 , extents 00-08 ½ guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 268/2 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/2 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **North by ::** Sy.No. 269/2 Property of Rahamath Banu, **South by ::** Sy.No. 269/4 Property of Rahamath Banu.

Item No: 19, property bearing **Sy. No. 269/4 , extents 00-15 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 268/3 and 4 Property of Rahamath Banu & Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/3 and 4 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **North by ::** Sy.No. 269/3 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 Property of S. Mohammed Valli.

Item No: 20 , property bearing **Sy. No. 269/5, extents 00-21 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 268/4 and 5 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/5 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **North by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 property of Rahamath Banu, **South by ::** Sy.No. 269/6, 267,

Item No: 21, property bearing **Sy. No. 269/6 , extents 00-04 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 Property of S. Mahammed Valli **West by ::** Sy.No. 270/6 Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **North by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **South by ::** Sy.No. 267.

Item No: 22 , property bearing **Sy. No. 268/1 , extents 00-19 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 250 Property of K. Narayana, **West by ::** Sy.No. 269/1, 2 Property of Rahamath Banu & S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No. 277 Property of Srinivas and S. Shylaya, **South by ::** Sy.No. 268/2 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 23, property bearing **Sy. No. 268/2, extents 00-17 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 250 Property of K. Narayana, **West by ::** Sy.No. 269/1, 2 Property of S. Mahammed Valli & Rahamath Banu, **North by ::** Sy.No. 268/1 Property of Rahamath Banu, **South by ::** Sy.No. 268/3 Property of Rahamath Banu.

Item No: 24 , property bearing **Sy. No. 268/3 , extents 00-15 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 250 Property of K. Narayana, **West by ::** Sy. No. 269/4 Property of Rahamath Banu, **North by ::** Sy. No. 268/2 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 268/4 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No: 25, property bearing **Sy. No. 268/4, extents 00-12 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy. No. 250 Property of K. Narayana, **West by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 Proerty of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No. 268/3 Property of Rahamath Banu, **South by ::** Sy.No. 268/5 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi.

Item No : 26, Property bearing **Sy. No. 268/5 , extents 00-13 guntas** and bounded as follows, **East by ::** Sy.No. 250 Property of K. Narayana, **West by ::** Sy.No. 269/5 Property of S. Mahammed Valli, **North by ::** Sy.No. 268/4 Property of Property of Syed Nissar Mehadi, **South by ::** Sy.No. 267.

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Supreme indictment

After the Supreme Court's remarks on Manipur, the BJP must replace the CM

The Supreme Court has pulled up the Manipur government for its "lethargic" investigations into the ethnic violence in the sensitive border State that began on May 3 and which has still not been doused. Pointing out that arrests have been "few and far between", in the context of around 6,500 first information reports filed in relation to the violence, the apex court has asked for more details of the progress in police action, and ordered the personal presence of the Manipur Director General of Police during the next hearing on August 7. Questioning the State police's capability to investigate these cases, the Court noted that there was a complete breakdown of law and constitutional machinery in the face of mob violence. Two women who were paraded naked and raped by a mob have pleaded their lack of trust in the investigation by the police and the Central Bureau of Investigation. It was the circulation of a video clip that captured the horrific violence these women were subjected to that prompted the Court's intervention after weeks of unabated violence and the brazen partisanship of the Manipur government. More such cases have surfaced, and the Court has now proposed a Court-constituted investigation. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has no leg to stand on after this censure by the highest court in the land, but continues to remain in office with a total lack of accountability because the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is determined to protect him for political reasons.

The history of communal clashes in India suggests that mob violence for a prolonged period is possible only with the connivance of the state. In the case of Manipur, it is more than evident. Bringing perpetrators to book is far more tedious and often a frustrating process compared to taking swift preventive police action at the first sign of trouble. In Manipur, far from a swift response to prevent escalation, the police allegedly facilitated the mob violence. Police personnel who failed in their duty or connived with mobs should face the full force of the law. Also, there must be a strong message from the country's political leadership. Sadly, the attempt by the ruling BJP has been to deny the gravity of the Manipur situation by comparing it with isolated crimes in Opposition-ruled States. The Court has denounced that claim while underscoring the gravity of the situation in Manipur. A team of 21 leaders of the Opposition grouping, INDIA, that visited the State is scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday. The grouping should also agree to a discussion in the Rajya Sabha even if its demand for a prior statement by the Prime Minister is not met. That will be an opportunity for INDIA to present its findings to the country.

Core comfort

Government effort to boost infrastructure is yielding results

Output at India's eight core sectors strengthened hearteningly in June, with the overall year-on-year growth in production estimated to have quickened to a five-month high of 8.2%. Seven of the sectors, including steel and cement and electricity, logged appreciable advances. Steel, which is the third-largest constituent of the index of eight core industries with a weight of just under 18%, was the standout performer, as output of the key alloy surged 21.9% undergirding the wider advance in the index. And cement posted an almost double-digit increase reflecting the continuing momentum in demand, a slight softening in the pace from the preceding two months on account of the onset of monsoon notwithstanding. Steel and cement led the cross-sectoral advance over the April-June period, growing 15.9% and 12.2%, respectively, in the fiscal first quarter. A key driver of demand for these two construction essentials continues to be the infrastructure sector, where the government's efforts to boost outlays including on affordable housing, urban renewal and transportation networks are providing a palpable tailwind. Total capital expenditure by the Centre in June jumped more than 62% year-on-year and almost 24% from the preceding month to ₹1.10 lakh crore, Controller General of Accounts data showed.

Electricity, which makes up a fifth of the core index, also posted its strongest increase in four months despite a cyclonic storm that impacted highly industrialised Gujarat the most, dampening demand. Coal output also rose 9.8% in June, lifting the first-quarter's production by 8.7%. And official data on Tuesday showed output in July surged more than 14%, another positive augury given that coal demand extends beyond the electricity sector to other industrial segments including metal making and process industries where it is used in furnaces and boilers. To be sure, other data from the eight core sectors do point to areas of concern. For all the talk of Aatmanirbharta, India's efforts to secure a degree of independence in the crucial oil sector are yet to yield meaningful dividends; the country is still heavily reliant on crude imports for its overall fuel needs. This is best reflected in the fact that crude oil production remained in the doldrums for a 13th straight month, contracting 0.6%. Along with refinery products, which have the heaviest weight of 28% on the index, crude oil also registered a sequential slide underlining the difficulties the oil sector as a whole continues to face because of regulatory inconsistencies. Policymakers have their task cut out to ensure the policy environment remains supportive especially at a time when global demand remains particularly uncertain.

The dangers in the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill

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The government is set to introduce the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill in Parliament. The final draft is shrouded in secrecy. Last week, Opposition members walked out of a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee and submitted dissent notes, objecting to the adoption of a report on the DPDP Bill – they claimed that the Bill was neither shown to the members nor formally referred to the committee.

In November 2022, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) publicly circulated a draft of the Bill for consultation. It was fraught with problems. While campaigns and concerned citizens shared their suggestions, MeitY focused primarily on consulting industry and big tech companies on a law that will have vast ramifications for the information regime in India, and will impact every citizen of the country.

Do not repeat the errors

It is imperative that the data protection law does not suffer from the infirmities that the previous draft had and safeguards peoples' fundamental rights, i.e., both the right to information and the right to privacy.

The Data Protection Bill of 2022 includes a provision to amend the Right to Information (RTI) Act, which has empowered millions of Indian citizens since its enactment in 2005. To effectively hold their governments accountable in a democracy, people need access to information, including various categories of personal data. For example, the Supreme Court of India has held that citizens have a right to know the names of wilful defaulters and details of the Non Performing Assets (NPAs) of public sector banks. Democracies routinely ensure public disclosure of voters' lists with names, addresses and other personal data to enable public scrutiny and prevent electoral fraud.

Experience of the use of the RTI Act in India has shown that if people, especially the poor and marginalised, are to have any hope of obtaining the benefits of government schemes and welfare programmes, they must have access to relevant, granular information. For instance, the Public Distribution System (PDS) Control Order recognises the need for putting out the details of ration card holders and records of ration shops in the public domain to enable public scrutiny and social audits of the PDS.

> With the executive vastly empowered to draft rules and notifications on a range of issues, India might end up with a law that takes away the right to seek personal information

Threat to transparency, accountability

The RTI Act includes a provision to harmonise peoples' right to information with their right to privacy through an exemption clause under Section 8(1)(j). Personal information is exempt from disclosure if it has no relationship to any public activity; or has no relationship to any public interest; or if information sought is such that it would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy and the information officer is satisfied that there is no larger public interest that justifies disclosure.

The enactment of a data protection law, therefore, does not require any amendment to the existing RTI law – this is also noted by the Justice A.P. Shah Report on Privacy. The DPDP Bill 2022, however, proposes amendments to Section 8(1)(j) to expand its purview and exempt all personal information from disclosure. This threatens the very foundations of the transparency and accountability regime in the country.

A primary objective of any data protection law is to curtail the misuse of personal data, including for financial fraud. Given that the government is the biggest data repository, an effective data protection law must not give wide discretionary powers to the government. The DPDP Bill, 2022, unfortunately, empowers the executive to draft rules and notifications on a vast range of issues. For instance, the central government can exempt any government or even private sector entity from the application of provisions of the law by merely issuing a notification. This would potentially allow the government to arbitrarily exempt its cronies and government bodies such as the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), resulting in immense violations of citizens' privacy. On the other hand, small non-governmental organisations, research organisations, associations of persons and Opposition parties, that the government chooses not to include in the notification, would have to set up systems to comply with the stringent obligations of a data fiduciary.

No autonomy

Further, to meet its objective of protecting personal data, it is critical that the oversight body set up under the legislation be adequately independent to act on violations of the law by government entities. The draft Bill does not even make a pretence of ensuring autonomy of the Data Protection Board – the institution responsible for enforcement of provisions of the law. The central government is empowered to determine the strength and composition of the board, as well as the process of selection and removal of its chairperson and other members. The chief executive responsible for managing the board is to be appointed by the government, giving it direct control over the institution.

The creation of a totally government-controlled Data Protection Board, empowered to impose fines upto ₹500 crore, is bound to raise serious apprehensions of it becoming another caged parrot – open to misuse by the executive to target the political opposition and those critical of its policies.

These concerns need to be urgently addressed before the DPDP Bill is enacted. Unfortunately, given the manner in which Bills are being passed in the Parliament, without any debate or discussion, the citizens of the country might end up with a law that empowers the central government while taking away peoples' democratic right to seek information and use it to hold the powerful to account.

Bus ride to equality, the wheels of change in Karnataka

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"Imagine an Indian city with street corners full of women: chatting, laughing, breast-feeding, exchanging corporate notes or planning protest meetings. Imagine footpaths spilling over with old and young women watching the world go by as they sip tea, discuss love, cricket and the latest blockbuster." In the book, *Why Loiter?*, Shilpa Phadke, Sameera Khan, and Shilpa Ranade remind us that this imagined city is far remote to the known Indian reality. Most public spaces in India are traditionally occupied by men. Be it public streets, railway stations, markets, shops, or long queues, women are often either absent or in the minority. Why is this so? One part of the reason is the traditional gender roles which require women to engage in household work. The other part has to do with concerns of safety or simply the impression that so-called public spaces are unwelcome to women. The Shakti scheme launched by the Congress government in Karnataka seeks to change this.

Challenging gender stereotypes

Under this scheme, where women can travel for free on State buses, the aim is to make transport more accessible and safer for women. Removing even small cost barriers can have a big impact. This is especially the case for women who do not earn and who are financially dependent on their spouses for transport costs. But it is also beneficial to working women. It makes working outside the home more attractive. They save on the commute, making it more viable for women to seek out work. In this way the policy helps challenge gender stereotypes that women belong to the household.

There are also benefits to all women regardless of whether they use buses or not. Public spaces often become more women-friendly if more women are using it. The Shakti scheme brings women into public life and makes public space 'less male'. There are many steps needed to shape cities along the vision Phadke, Khan, and Ranade outline. The Shakti scheme is one such step. As its name suggests, it empowers women to claim and reclaim public spaces. We have seen daily wage labourers, sanitation workers and house maids availing the scheme, in turn demonstrating how a well-thought-out policy can be truly empowering for womenfolk. Like several welfare schemes for women, this policy too has feminist politics to it.

> The Shakti scheme in Karnataka is derived from a need to confront the realities of a deeply patriarchal society in India

Similar schemes in other States have proved to be successful. In 2019, the Government of Delhi initiated a policy of enabling free travel for women passengers in government buses. In 2021, the Governments of Punjab and Tamil Nadu introduced a similar policy. The initial response from Karnataka indicates that it is working. In the initial three days, around 98,58,518 women availed the scheme.

Despite the popularity with women and its principled rationale, critics frequently raise two objections. The first is rooted on the ground that the policy is a 'freebie' or government handout which is not even targeted towards those who need it. The second objection is that the policy is discriminatory. However, neither stands up to scrutiny.

Not a freebie

The labelling of the policy as a 'freebie' mischaracterises the measure and overlooks the socio-political framework where it operates. First, there are several State-funded goods that are free of cost. Public schools educate children free of cost. Public hospitals treat patients free of cost. Public parks are free of cost. Most of the roads which private vehicles drive on are free of cost. Of course, none of these things is literally for free. They are paid out of taxpayer money. But if taxpayers are paying for schools, hospitals, parks, and roads, then why not pay for bus travel as well? Why should a free use of a bus be a "freebie" but the free use of a road not? It turns out that there is no good answer.

The reason why governments pay for schools, hospitals or the like is that taxpayer funding achieves better and fairer outcomes than private payment. The Shakti scheme aims for a fairer outcome of more gender equal public spaces. Only free bus travel achieves this outcome.

If this is the key objective of the scheme, then it is irrelevant that the scheme also includes women who can afford travel. The benefit does not lie alone in the direct effect, but in what economists would call "positive externalities".

Other critics have focused on the idea that it is discriminatory to have tickets for men and not for women. Article 15 of the Constitution prohibits discrimination on specified grounds, including sex. It is true that prices are set at different rates for men than for women. However, not every case of differential treatment is wrongful discrimination. We often treat men and women differently. Special scholarships exist for female students to encourage and support women who seek out education. There are women-specific employment and livelihood programmes initiated by the State. There are already seats reserved for women in various means of public transport.

The reason behind these measures is that, very often, we need to confront the realities of a deeply patriarchal society. The Shakti scheme is a direct response to this. It challenges the maleness of public spaces. The framers of India's Constitution were aware of these necessities. This is why they included Article 15(3) which allows the state to make special provisions for women and children. The overarching nature of 'special provision' allows the state to include measures that range from free bus travel to reservation for women in employment, education or politics. The Shakti scheme squarely falls within this category. Legal challenges to similar schemes in other regions such as Delhi have failed due to the same reason. As the Supreme Court held in the case of P.B Vijayakumar: "The insertion of clause (3) of Article 15 in relation to women is a recognition of the fact that for centuries, women of this country have been socially and economically handicapped. As a result, they are unable to participate in the socio-economic activities of the nation on a footing of equality."

None of this is to say that free bus rides for women are enough. Concerns about sexual harassment, women-friendly infrastructure, and the like remain. But the scheme is a step in the right direction in guaranteeing equal citizenship of women. Hopefully, one day, the scheme will no longer be necessary because women, just like men, can loiter in the street and equally share our public spaces.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Judiciary on Manipur

A civilised person's heart should bleed after reading the report on the horrific statements made by the two women survivors in Manipur (Inside pages, "As mob approached, policemen refused to help: gang-rape survivor", August 1). The strong strictures passed by the Supreme Court of India against the law and order machinery in the State and the Court's summoning of the State Director General of Police only highlight the volatile situation. Any reply made in Parliament ought to be comprehensive, covering the entire gamut of the ethnic clashes, the reasons, the failure of governance in the State and the various measures to bring an end to the violence. It should also list the steps that will be taken to restore trust in the traumatised State.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

"There is no key." This reply by a policeman sitting in a police jeep to one of the survivors who begged him to save her from a mob is chilling. In Manipur, there is no key to the prison of apathy in which the State government has barricaded itself. And the Centre's spare key to maintaining law and order is not being rushed there any time soon. It is no wonder that the Court has expressed 'surprise at finding both Centre and the State groping in the dark for facts about crimes which are public knowledge'. Maybe a master key is being hammered out in the nation's conscience and the facts about the breakdown of the 6,000 first information reports will be released.

Vasantha Surya,
Bengaluru

The report was chilling. It is one more piece of evidence that men can turn beasts when emotions arising out of basic instincts rule. When the state and its apparatus fail to protect its own citizens, the outcomes are horrific. The intervention by the Supreme Court seems to be the only ray of hope.

Byju V.,
Thiruvananthapuram

The observations made by the top court are forthright and highlight the graveness of the situation in the State. However, nothing much can be done as long as the governments, at the Centre and State, remain indifferent. The Manipur problem requires a political solution which will emerge only if the ruling dispensation at the national level sheds its partisan approach and puts the country's interests above narrow political gains.

Manohar Alembath,
Kannur, Kerala

It is clear from the strong reactions coming in from the Supreme Court that the executive failed in its duty to protect life and property in Manipur. The stony silence at the top political level and the politicisation of ethnic clashes by drawing a parallel between Manipur and unrest in Opposition-ruled States have only set the cat among the pigeons. Ironically, the top leader received the Lokmanya Tilak National Award, given to those "who have worked for the progress and development of the nation...." It was Mark Twain who said: "It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them."

Avinash Godboley,
Dewas, Madhya Pradesh

Stop this loss

The picture of earthmovers "clearing" lush and fertile green fields in Mel Valayamadevi village in Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu was painful (Tamil Nadu, August 1). Whatever be the government or the judiciary's stand, the search for minerals should be stopped at once. The loss of nature's bounty and a productive mother earth will hurt us for generations. I hope better sense prevails.

S. Venkataraman,
Chennai

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The IIM Bill is a bold move

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In 2017, Parliament passed the Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) Act. The Act, which hugely expanded the autonomy already enjoyed by the IIMs, contains an important clause. It requires the Board of Governors (BoG) of the IIMs to commission an independent review of the institutes at least once every three years and place the report in the public domain.

Six years on, very few of the 20 IIMs have done so. Among the top four IIMs, only the review report of IIM Bangalore is available on the website. This act of omission gives us an indication as to why the government thought fit to table the IIM (Amendment) Bill in Parliament last week. No government can take kindly to non-compliance with an Act of Parliament. The 2023 Bill seeks to take back from the IIMs the powers that the government ceded in 2017. The government seems to have judged that a dangerous governance vacuum has been created in the IIM system in the years since it relinquished control over these institutes.

Provisions of the Bill

The 2017 legislation was an extraordinary act of self-abnegation by the government. All key appointments – of the chairperson and board members, the director and the chairperson of the Coordination Forum of the IIMs – were left to the BoG. The government reduced the presence of the Central and State governments on the Board from four members to two.

The 2023 Bill seeks to undo many of the provisions of the earlier Act. It creates the post of Visitor, the President of India. The Visitor will appoint the chairperson of the BoG, one nominee on the selection committee for the director, and the chairperson of the Coordination Forum for the IIMs. He or she will also approve all director appointments. The Visitor can initiate any review of or inquiry into the affairs of an institute and remove the director on his or her own.

Media reports suggest that the government has been unhappy with the IIMs for their lack of responsiveness to queries and suggestions in recent years. But there is more to the about-turn.

There has been turbulence in the IIM system in recent years of a sort not seen in the nearly six decades until 2017. At IIM Ahmedabad, faculty and alumni were up in revolt against the then director's decision to change the institute's logo, and to demolish the Louis Kahn structures on the campus which are widely regarded as among the architectural marvels of our times. At IIM Calcutta, the majority of faculty signed a petition against the director's way of functioning. The BoG took the extraordinary step of curtailing her powers following which she left before the end of her term. At IIM Rohtak, the government is locked in a legal battle with the institute over the director's continuance in office. Anecdotal evidence suggests that some IIMs lower in rank have become petty tyrannies in which the director holds unchallenged sway. There has also been a relentless rise in the fee for the MBA course, which is not related to the costs of the course.

None of this should come as a surprise. The IIM Act created a situation where there were no meaningful checks and balances on the director. The absence of norms on key matters, such as the appointment of dean, had been evident even in the years leading up to the IIM Act as the government increasingly adopted a hands-off approach. The Act served to worsen the situation.

The director became accountable to a BoG in which the two government nominees played a passive role. Individuals from industry, alumni, etc., who comprise the rest of the Board, have no stakes in their respective institutions and no incentive to exercise the necessary oversight.

Moreover, the Act left answered the question: to whom are the boards now accountable? Boards in the corporate world are notoriously ineffectual despite the fact that they are subject to company law, regulation, and monitoring by financial markets. To expect a BoG that is accountable to none to be effective is to demand a leap in faith.

Many ask: how do private universities in the U.S. fare so well under boards of trustees? There are several reasons. Private universities are funded through large endowments; the state supports research. They are not in the game of making large profits on their academic courses. Boards are manned by large donors who have a deep emotional connect with the institutions. Educational institutions operate in a competitive environment that imposes almost the discipline of financial markets on boards. These factors don't operate here.

Government control

The notion that government control is inimical to the functioning of an educational institution is flawed. The state-controlled universities in the California system, where the Governor of the state often sits on the board, are among the best in the world. Government control has not kept the IITs from creating a brand that is way above that of the IIMs. The IIM brand itself flourished for some six decades under government control because the IIMs enjoyed the fullest autonomy in all operational matters. It is the prospect of the brand being undermined by lawless boards and directors that should be a matter of concern.

The government's move may not go down well with sections of the middle class who long to place at least one child in the leading IIMs. However, the verdict as of now must be that the government has shown courage in seeking to restore accountability in the IIM system. No public institution can be exempt from the principle of democratic accountability. And accountability to government and Parliament is preferable to no accountability at all.

The government has shown courage in seeking to restore accountability in the IIM system

Big concerns over big cats

An increase in the tiger population could escalate the man-animal conflict

STATE OF PLAY

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The results of the latest survey on tiger population published by the Karnataka Forest Department and the all-India figures published by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) indicate that the number of big cats has grown in the State. According to the NTCA status report, Karnataka has the second highest number of tigers (563) after Madhya Pradesh (785). While authorities are happy with this development, there is also anxiety over the way forward.

The minimum tiger estimates for Karnataka have been pegged at 435 by the State's Forest Department, based on camera trap images, and 563 by the NTCA, based on direct and indirect evidence apart from camera trap images.

But the growth is skewed. It is high in areas such as the Bandipur Tiger Reserve where tigers have been protected ever since the inception of Project Tiger 50 years ago. Besides, Bandipur was brought under protection by the maharajas as early as in 1941 when 800 sq km of forest was notified as the Venugopal Wildlife Park. Nagarahole, too, has enjoyed such protection since the 1950s. The Bandipur and Nagarahole reserves together account for 290 out of the 563 tigers in the State.

However, there are 136 villages in a radius of 1 km around Bandipur and nearly as many villages around Nagarahole with a large livestock population. Livestock are easy prey for tigers lurking in the forest fringes. There are concerns among communities that any further increase in

the tiger population may escalate the man-animal conflict, which is especially high in habitats with elephants. Local communities in these habitats suffer crop damages (by elephants) and human deaths (due to tiger and elephant attacks).

Some argue that a high prey base will reduce the range of the resident tigers and their propensity to stray into human habitats. This means bracing for a higher density of tigers per sq km. Bandipur and Nagarahole already have 7.97 tigers and 10.88 tigers per 100 sq km, respectively.

However, others argue that Bandipur and Nagarahole may have reached saturation point in terms of their tiger population and prey population and efforts to augment numbers may only fuel more conflict.

Besides, experts have cautioned against artificial intervention or habitat manipulation in order to augment the population of tiger prey. They say that an increase in tiger density beyond the carrying capacity of the habitat could adversely impact the population of other co-predators such as leopards and dholes, which are equally important to conserve.

Another long-term challenge in Karnataka is to protect potential tiger habitats with low densities and strengthen corridor connectivity. Doing so will facilitate the dispersal of tigers in ranges where the forests are contiguous. A case in point is the Malai Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, which is spread over 906.18 sq km and is said to be ideal as a sink to absorb the surplus tiger population. This sanctuary was mooted as a tiger reserve. The NTCA supported the proposal on the grounds that additional inviolate space could be created for the dispersal of both tigers and prey. The Malai Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary is linked to the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka to its north and east, the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu to its south, and the BRT Tiger Reserve in Karnataka to its west. It is therefore considered vital for securing the future of tigers in the State. But political compulsions before the Karnataka Assembly elections forced the Bharatiya Janata Party government to put the proposal on hold.

Providing a viable wildlife habitat and creating additional space for tigers calls for ensuring strict implementation of Eco Sensitive Zone rules, reducing anthropogenic pressure on existing habitats, taking the local populace into confidence and allaying their fears of displacement. All of this requires both political and administrative will.

According to the NTCA report, 373 of Karnataka's 563 tigers are in five reserves – Bandipur, Nagarahole, Bhadra, BRT, and Kali, which together account for 66% of the State's tiger population. Nearly 78% of tigers in tiger reserves are concentrated in Bandipur and Nagarahole. The remaining are dispersed across 17 non-tiger reserves. Securing their future amidst developmental pressure and dilution of forest conservation laws is the challenge ahead.

Climate finance adds another layer of inequity to climate change

Many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa are in debt distress and are also among the nations that are most vulnerable to climate change

DATA POINT

Anushka Kataruka

In the last few years, climate justice activists have been campaigning for the world's economically developed countries to raise their investments in climate adaptation and mitigation, including paying for other countries' abilities to deal with the effects of climate change. Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and South Asia have historically contributed the least to global warming; yet, they are bearing the bigger brunt of climate disasters – both in the form of extreme natural phenomena and debt distress. On the other hand, countries in North America and Europe have contributed and continue to contribute the most, and are also the creditors of the debt crisis.

Chart 1 shows the carbon dioxide emissions per capita emitted in 1980-2021 by various geographical regions, including Africa, Asia (excluding China and India), and South America, and by some countries. It also shows (as a fixed black line) a baseline target of carbon dioxide emissions (2.3 tonnes per capita) needed to limit global warming to 1.5° Celsius, as determined by the Institute for European Environmental Policy.

The global average emissions per capita is currently double this target, and has stayed above 4.7 tonnes per capita since 2010, whereas Africa and India have both been consistently under. China crossed the global average in 2004. It steadily climbed to 8 tonnes per capita in 2021 and joined Europe and Oceania. Notably, while the the overall emissions of the UAE and the U.S. have declined, as of 2021 these countries still had the highest emissions per capita (21.8 tonnes and 14.9 tonnes, respectively).

Chart 2 shows the total investment in climate-related activities by each World Bank region as a fraction of that region's total GDP in 2019 and 2020. This includes public and private investment in, among others, climate mitigation and adaptation activities, reduction of fossil-fuel use, and reforestation. In both years, Sub-Saharan Africa had the highest investment fraction in climate finance (1.3% of its GDP), followed by East Asia and the Pacific (1%) and South Asia (0.9%). The U.S. and Canada had the lowest proportionate investment, at only 0.3% of their GDP.

A large fraction of the funds for climate mitigation and adaptation in the Global South comes from international multilateral climate funds, such as the Green Climate Fund and the Clean Technology Fund. The sources for the Global South are usually economically developed countries. **Chart 3** shows the total approved funds and the actual funds disbursed towards each region. Since 2003, for example, $3.3 billion was approved to be disbursed to South Asia, but only $1.3 billion was actually disbursed. Most regions received only 40% of the approved funding for that region, on average.

Chart 4 shows the climate vulnerability index by country and the risk of debt distress by region. This index, calculated annually by the Notre-Dame Global Adaptation Initiative, combines a country's exposure, sensitivity, and capacity to adapt to climate change. The risk of debt distress is based on the International Monetary Fund's Debt Sustainability Framework reports. As most reports are limited to the Global South, several high-income countries had to be excluded from the analysis. The chart shows that most countries in debt distress or facing a high risk are in Sub-Saharan Africa, which is also the most vulnerable to climate change. Overall, countries at high risk or in debt distress are also more vulnerable to climate change. Three of the eight countries in South Asia are in this group.

Chart 1 | CO_2 emissions per capita emitted in 1980-2021 by various geographical regions (in tonnes per capita)

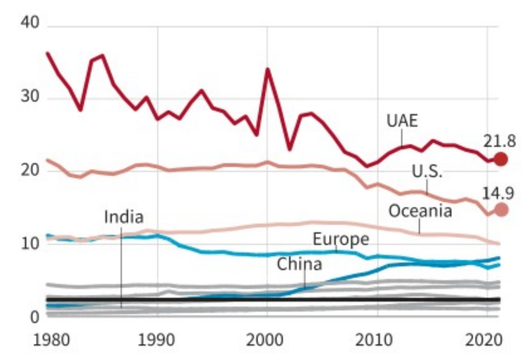
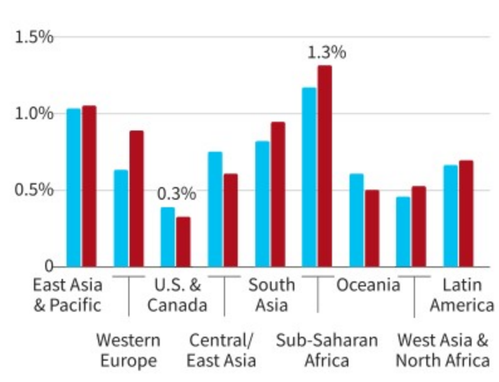


Chart 2 | Total climate investment by each World Bank region as a fraction of that region's total GDP in 2019 and 2020



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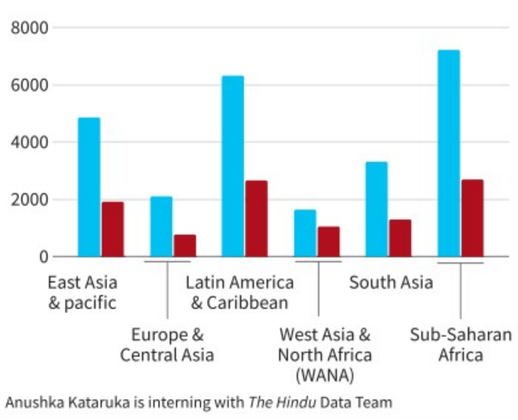
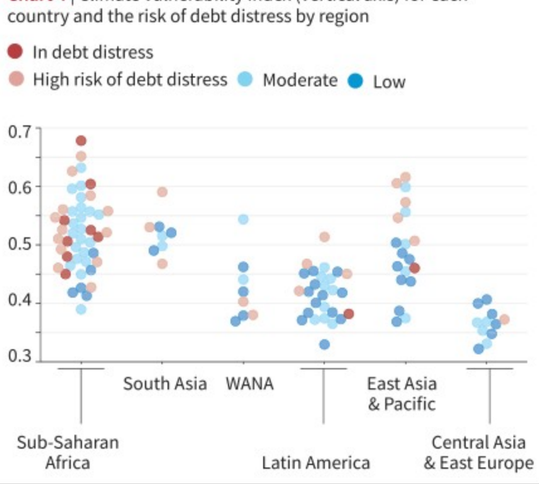


Chart 4 | Climate vulnerability index (vertical axis) for each country and the risk of debt distress by region



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 2, 1973

Iran may replace Canada on Vietnam peace body

Washington, August 1: The United States is understood to have proposed Iran as a replacement for Canada on the four nation Truce Commission in South Vietnam. Canada which together with Indonesia, Poland and Hungary had until now constituted the Commission withdrew from it as of yesterday because it has been unhappy with the way the truce body had been allowed to function. Iran, eager to assume an international role commensurate with its new ambitions in the Persian Gulf region, is said to have agreed to the U.S. suggestion, and the Shah of Iran who was here recently is reported to have conveyed his consent to President Nixon. With the U.S. and Saigon backing Iran's candidature only North Vietnam and the Viet Cong – the other two signatories of the ceasefire agreement of January last year – have to agree to the arrangement. If they do then Iran will provide a 290-man contingent to the 1160-man Truce Force which supervises the peace in South Vietnam. The search for a replacement for Canada has been going on ever since Ottawa said it would quit the body. At one point, it was thought that instead of finding someone to take Canada's place the Commission might be reduced to a two-member body with either of the two communist countries, Hungary or Poland, dropping out of it to provide a one to one balance with Indonesia. But the United States was in favour of a full four-member body.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 2, 1923

The Viceroy's visit

Bangalore, July 30: Amir ul-Mulk, Md. Mirza M. Ismail, Private Secretary to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore has been appointed to be in sole charge of the arrangements for the reception of Lord and Lady Reading to the State. The programme to be carried out during Their Excellencies' stay is under preparation but it is certain to include Sport and Kheddah operations in the Kharpur Jungles, a visit to the Power Works at Sivasamudram, a visit to the Krishnarajasagara Anicut, known as the Kannambadi works, and the historical survivals at Seringapatam. A sum of Rs. 18,000 has been allotted for renovation and decoration in Mysore City.

From Page One

Report shows there's no law and order, says SC

Mr. Mehta surmised that the police may have been restricted as the situation in the State on the ground was not "conducive".

"From May 4 to July 27, the picture is clear that the police were not in charge... Was the situation so not conducive that even FIRs could not be registered? Except for one or two cases, there are no arrests at all," CJI Chandrachud observed.

The court said the burden of probing over 6,500 cases single-handedly may leave the CBI "dysfunctional". In fact, the day began with the top court stopping a CBI team from recording the statements of the rape survivors in the Thoubal case at noon, just two hours before the court hearing was scheduled at 2 p.m.

The State government's status report said that there had been 150 deaths, including 59 deaths between May 3 and May 5. Another 28 people lost their lives between May 27 and May 29. Thirteen more died in the violence on June 9.

The report said that a preliminary examination of the 6,523 cases, registered between May 3 and July 30, shows that 11 FIRs involved crimes against women and children, though this was subject to further verification.

Mr. Mehta said that the Centre, with the consent of the Manipur government, was willing to transfer these 11 FIRs to the CBI as an immediate measure.

The court said that the information provided by the State in the current status report was "inadequate", with Chief Justice Chandrachud noting that the FIRs have not been "disaggregated".

The next hearing will be held on August 7.

20 killed as girder launcher falls in Thane

While all the 20 people – two engineers, five staff and 13 workers – lost their lives on the spot, three workers are undergoing treatment at hospitals.

The bodies of the victims were shifted to the Shahapur government hospital for autopsy.

The Shahapur police registered a case under Sections 304 A (causing death by negligence), and 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Indian Penal Code, against two contractors of the company engaged in the bridge construction work.

Probe ordered

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde ordered a probe into the accident and announced an *ex gratia* amount of ₹5 lakh to the next of kin of each victim.

It was a special-purpose mobile gantry crane – used in bridge construction and to install precast box girders in highway construction projects – which collapsed while being shifted between pier numbers 15 and 16 of the viaduct, as part of preparatory work for the next day, the MSRDC said. The 2.28 km-long viaduct is being constructed by Hyderabad-based Navayuga Engineering Company Limited, and Singapore-based VSL India Private Limited. Of the viaduct's 114 segments, 98 have been successfully constructed using the same launcher, the MSRDC added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered his condolences and announced a compensation of ₹2 lakh each to the families of the deceased and ₹50,000 to each of the injured.

Imam killed in attack on Gurugram mosque

After a meeting with senior officials in Chandigarh, Mr. Khattar said Monday's attack on the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra, which sparked the clashes, was "unfortunate", and seemed to be part of a larger conspiracy. He said five people, including two policemen, were killed in the violence, and 70 persons were taken into custody.

Besides Nuh, the epicentre of the violence which broke out during the yatra, the communal clashes spread to parts of Gurugram and Palwal as well, by late Monday night.

Around midnight, a mob attacked the Anjuman Jama Masjid in Gurugram's Sector 57 and set the shrine ablaze. Imam Mohammad Saad, 26, was killed, and Khursheed, a staff member at the mosque, sustained serious injuries. "There were five people inside the mosque at the time of attack. While two were attacked, the rest hid inside the building and managed to escape," said Altaf Ahmad, co-founder of the Gurgaon Nagrik Ekta Manch, terming it "unthinkable" and "shocking" that the mob had attacked a shrine in the heart of the Millennium City.

Attackers identified: police

The attackers have been identified and several of them were rounded up, according to Nitish Aggarwal, Deputy Commissioner of Police, East.

A few hours after the violence in Nuh, a mosque was vandalised in Gurugram's Sohna, while a mob set five cars, an autorickshaw, a shop, and four kiosks ablaze in the area at around 6 p.m. on Monday evening. The police resorted to mild force to bring the situation under control.

Gurugram Deputy Commissioner Nishant Yadav held peace committee meetings with both communities in Sohna on Tuesday, as an uneasy calm prevailed in the area.

No fresh incident of violence was reported in Nuh on Tuesday, said Mamta Singh, the Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order.

Mosque attack in Millennium City leaves residents alarmed

Those who can afford to move away have returned to their hometowns to avoid being targeted; the attack despite Section 144 being in force in district had created a sense of fear, a resident says

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

The attack on the Anjuman Jama Masjid in the heart of Millennium City in Sector 57 that left the Imam dead and a staff member seriously injured gripped the residents with a sense of fear and disbelief. A few Muslim families in the area left to stay with their relatives in Delhi or moved to their hometowns till the situation becomes normal.

Hakim Khan, a civil contractor and resident, said the attack on the mosque and the murder of the Imam despite Section 144 being in force in the district had created a sense of fear. "I happened to pass this way around 11 p.m. and found that four-five policemen were sitting outside the mosque. I was sleeping at home when I got a call around 2 p.m. about the attack on the mosque. I rushed to this place to find that there was a lot of chaos and a fire tender was parked near it," he said.

The shops were open and everyone was busy with their routine life, but there was a sense of fear, especially among the minorities, that they might be targeted, Mr. Khan said.

Tighter security: Police personnel outside the Anjuman Mosque which was set ablaze in Gurugram district on Tuesday. PTI

Another resident, Rakesh Sihag, said it was not about any community but the sense of lawlessness. Mr. Sihag, a retired professor, said violence was not acceptable to any peace-loving resident.

Ensuring safety

A minority community resident of Sector 57, not willing to be named, said he and some of his friends had decided to move to safer places.

"We thought it was not safe to stay in the area for the time being. We have elderly parents with medical needs, and children going out to play. I moved to Delhi to stay with my relatives. Three of my friends left for their hometowns in Faizabad, Kashmir and Dehradun," said the 48-year-old, working as a consultant in the corporate sector.

Anjuman Jama Masjid, the lone mosque on a government-allocated land in New Gurugram, caters to almost half of the city's municipal area spread across south and east zones and a large section of the floating population commuting to the Millennium City daily for work.

Mubin Khan, 40, who works as an optometrist at Dayal Centre in Sector 15, said the communal clashes had scared him. A resident of Patel Nagar, Mubin said his neighbourhood was peaceful, but he had a sense of fear deep inside.

Altaf Ahmad, co-founder of Gurgaon Nagrik Ekta Manch, said the attack on the mosque in the middle of the city was "unthinkable" and a "new low" in the growing atmosphere of intolerance in the city.

"My phone has not stopped ringing since the incident occurred as friends and acquaintances from our Muslim community are extremely scared and panic stricken. They feel that a mob can come any time and run them down as it happened with the Imam of the mosque. I personally know dozens of people who have returned to their native places including businessmen, those working with MNCs and also daily wagers after this attack fearing for their safety," Mr. Ahmad said.

Panel submits report on sub-categorisation of OBCs after 6 years

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

'It suggests breaking the caste groups into broad categories, with the dominant castes getting the smallest share of the 27% reservation'

The Justice G. Rohini Commission for the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBC) caste groups on Monday submitted its report to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, nearly six years after the Union government first assigned the task to it – a task that was initially meant to be finished in 12 weeks.

The commission's report was submitted on the last day of its functioning on Monday, after it had received up to 14 extensions from the government in the past six years. At first, the government said that the COVID-19 pandemic had slowed down its working. However, after the second wave, the government has been saying that the commission has been working at finalising its report.

The government had formed the commission in 2017, to be headed by former Delhi High Court Chief Justice, Justice G. Rohini. The commission also had as a member J.K. Bajaj from the Centre for Policy Studies, along with others.

The commission was asked to examine the extent to which reservation and other benefits for OBCs are concentrated among some dominant caste groups. Based on this, the commission was then tasked with suggesting a breakdown of the over 2,600 caste groups on the Central OBC list so that these benefits could be equitably redistributed.

According to sources, the commission has suggested breaking the caste groups into broad categories, with the dominant castes [with most access to benefits] getting the smallest share of the 27% reservation, and the historically crowded-out caste groups getting the largest share of the reservation pie.

Now that the commission's report is with the Social Justice Ministry, the government is expected to hold deliberations on the recommendations contained in it.

The report has not been made public yet.

Celebrate Raksha Bandhan with Muslims, PM tells NDA MPs

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NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked National Democratic Alliance (NDA) MPs to reach out to Muslim women, especially during the festival of Raksha Bandhan, an outreach related to his government's decision to impose a ban on triple talaq that has, he said, bolstered a feeling of security among Muslim women.

He reportedly made these remarks at a meeting of NDA MPs from Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand on Monday night, a part of a series of meetings to be held by Mr. Modi with the 338 NDA MPs. The meetings are being held with a view to boosting synergy within the alliance, now expanded to 38 parties, in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

"The remarks were made in the context of Prime Minister Modi stating that there was a need to connect with all sections of society," an MP present at the meeting said.

The outreach to Muslim women is also to be seen paired with the emphasis on including Pasmanda Muslims in the BJP's structure, alongside the appointment of former Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Vice-Chancellor, Tariq Mansoor, as a national vice president of the party last week.

The Rakshan Bandhan festival, a celebration of the bond between brothers and sisters, will fall on August 30 this year.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill was passed by Parliament in 2019, declaring the practice of instant triple talaq illegal and a crime that could attract a jail term for the husband.

The BJP has divided NDA MPs region-wise into clusters of nearly 40 members, and Mr. Modi is expected to speak to them separately.

Patna HC upholds continuance of ongoing caste-based survey in Bihar

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar secured a significant relief on Tuesday after the Patna High Court dismissed all petitions filed against the decision of the State government to conduct a caste-based survey.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice K.V. Chandran and Justice Partha Sarthy upheld the caste-based survey and allowed the State government to continue with the survey.

The court said in its order that it found the action of the State to be perfectly valid, initiated with due competence and with the legitimate aim of providing "development with justice", as proclaimed in the address of both Houses.

It said the actual survey had neither exercised nor contemplated any coercion to divulge the details and had passed the test of proportionality, without violating the right of privacy of the individual, especially since it was in the furtherance of a "compelling public interest", which, in effect, is the "legitimate state interest".

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> **TEJASHWI YADAV**
> Rashtriya Janata Dal leader

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tejashwi Yadav welcomed the court's verdict.

In a post on X, formerly Twitter, Mr. Yadav said: "Authentic, reliable and scientific data will be obtained from our government's caste-based survey. The most backward and the poor of all sections will get maximum benefit from this. Caste census will be a huge revolutionary step in the direction of economic justice."

Janata Dal(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh echoed a similar sentiment. "The Honourable High Court has rejected the petition against caste enumeration. It is welcome. The conspiracy by the BJP to stop the caste enumeration failed."

The Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Legislative Assembly, Vijay Kumar Sinha, of the BJP, said that the ruling RJD and JD(U) had a changeable stand. "The Bihar government is welcoming the Patna High Court order but when the CBI, ED and Income Tax [Department] take action, then questions are raised on it. These people do not have faith in the constitutional institutions. These are the people who believe in monarchy and dynasty. Crime is at its peak in Bihar and the government is busy with the caste census. What is the need for this?" Mr. Sinha asked.

Political observers in the State estimate that the caste-based survey is going to be a major political issue in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls next year as it will be one of the strongest political tools for ruling parties in States where the BJP is in the Opposition, with the latter having a difficult time mounting an offensive on the issue.

RPF constable accused of killing four remanded

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A court here on Tuesday remanded Railway Protection Force (RPF) constable Chetan Singh in Government Railway Police (GRP) custody till August 7 for allegedly shooting dead three passengers and a senior colleague on a running train near the Palghar railway station in Maharashtra, on Monday.

A video posted on X (formerly Twitter) showed Singh justifying the killings and making communal remarks. However, Railway Ministry said, "The location and authenticity [of the videos] can't be established. The matter is under investigation."

The Union government on Tuesday directed X to remove the video clips.

Modi shares dais with Sharad Pawar, accepts Lokmanya Tilak award

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

Remarking that Lokmanya Tilak was a great institution builder and a nurturer of traditions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accepted the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award at a power-packed event in Pune where he shared the stage with Opposition leader and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) patriarch Sharad Pawar.

Mr. Modi, who visited the city's iconic Dagdusheth Halwai Ganapati temple before the award ceremony, was greeted with protests staged by several groups as well as the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, which included Mr. Pawar's own NCP faction. The protesters waved black flags and held placards demanding that the Prime Minister speak on the violence in Manipur.

Narendra Modi in a conversation with Sharad Pawar, right, during the award ceremony in Pune. ANI

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Modi said, "Tilak*ji* completely changed the direction of the Indian freedom movement with his '*Swarajya* is my birthright' claim. Even the British were forced to acknowledge him as the 'father of Indian unrest'" .

Before being seated on the dais, Mr. Modi exchanged pleasantries with Mr. Pawar and the leaders shared a moment of bonhomie.

Mr. Pawar's ally, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) expressed its displeasure at the NCP chief attending the function through an editorial in *Saamana*.

NCB busts LSD smuggling syndicate

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has busted a drug cartel, allegedly the country's largest darknet-based LSD smuggling syndicate named "Zambada cartel", with the arrest of three accused persons. This is the second such detection by the agency in the recent past.

NCB Deputy Director-General Gyaneshwar Singh on Tuesday said the cartel had planned to set up its first LSD outlet in India with a minimum stock of 1 lakh LSD blots, with international to-and-fro facilities.

The agency has found that the vendors and buyers were in contact with each other through social media sites. The drugs were being supplied using couriers and fake addresses or mobile numbers and payments were received and made through cryptocurrencies.

APPEAL

Malaiarasan is 3 years suffering from B cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and is in urgent need of Chemotherapy at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs.8,00,000/-. He is very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help him to have a bright future. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/ NEFT Transfer & Google pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No: 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **Women's Welfare Syndicate** is exempted under 80G IT

All correspondence is done through **WWS,** Regd Public Charitable Trust, **Flat No.GF 1, Corddel Apartments, O.No.13, N.No.29, Pycrofts Garden Lane, Chennai-600006. Ph: 044-42137401/ 28235324/ 7338978027. E-Mail ID: womenswelfaresyndicate@gmail.com**

WWS

No rationale in disrupting House on same issue: Dhankhar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amidst slogans raised by the Opposition leaders demanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence in Parliament, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday said that the demand that only the Prime Minister should respond on Manipur is "constitutionally ill-premised".

A few minutes after the House met for the day, Mr. Dhankhar chided the members for plunging the institution of the Rajya Sabha into "virtual irrelevance". He said there was no rationale for the House being disrupted over the same issue since July 20.

Mr. Dhankhar said, "Insistence by the Opposition members that the Honourable Prime Minsiter responds to debate is constitutionally ill-premised. The accountability of the government to the Parliament... the executive to the legislature is a collective responsibility," he said.

He also cited a 2014 precedent when a similar demand was made by now CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury. "As a matter of fact, in 2014 when the issue was raised by the distinguished member Sitaram Yechury, he asked for Honourable Prime Minister to be present; it was determined by the Chair that the demand by the member is constitutionally infirm and ill-premised," he added.

When the House met to take up the Question Hour, the Opposition walked out after Mr. Dhankhar ignored an appeal to let Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge speak. Though the Congress did not mention Mr. Dhankhar, it referred to a series of interventions made by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, including in August 2000 on foreign policy regarding Pakistan; in August 2001 on the Unit Trust of India (UTI) scam and in March 2003 on the situation in Iraq.

No-trust motion debate from Aug. 8, PM's reply on Aug. 10

INDIA bloc leaders walk out of Business Advisory Committee meeting alleging that government is prioritising legislative agenda over no-confidence vote; they demand an immediate debate

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The debate on the no-trust motion, moved by the Congress and supported by the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), against the Narendra Modi government in the Lok Sabha will begin on August 8. The Prime Minister is expected to reply on August 10.

The decision was taken at the Lok Sabha's Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting on Tuesday amid a walkout by senior leaders of the INDIA bloc in protest against the government for prioritising its legislative agenda over the no-trust motion.

The no-confidence motion was moved by the Congress's deputy leader in the Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, on July 26, in an attempt to force the Prime Minister to speak on the issue of strife-torn Manipur.

Stormy note: The Lok Sabha during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

As protests over Manipur continued, disrupting the the Question Hour, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla had convened a meeting of the BAC at noon.

"The Parliamentary Affairs Minister was initially mentioning Bills that the government is hoping to take up, and informed us about the no-confidence vote when we were walking out of the BAC," a senior Congress leader told *The Hindu*.

The INDIA bloc comprising the Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Trinamool Congress and the Left parties, and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), demanded that the House take up the motion immediately, and protested against the government for pushing through its legislative agenda this week.

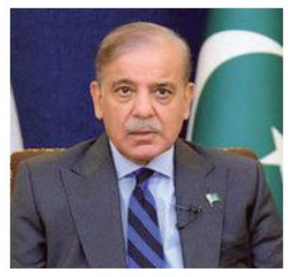
The government argued that the motion should be taken up for discussion within 10 working days of being admitted, and there were no rules or precedence that make it mandatory for the House to take up the no-confidence motion immediately.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and K. Suresh of the Congress, T.R. Baalu of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Sudeep Bandopadhaya of Trinamool Congress, and Rajeev Ranjan of the Janata Dal(U) were among those who walked out.

The source cited above said that at the BAC meeting, Mr. Chowdhury, accompanied by Chief Whip Mr. Suresh, pointed out that it had been four days since his party colleague had moved a no-confidence motion but there was no indication from the government or the Speaker's office about the date.

Pak. ready for talks if India will address serious issues: Sharif

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



Shehbaz Sharif

Pakistan is ready to talk to India on bilateral problems if India is willing to address "serious matters", Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Tuesday.

Inaugurating the Pakistan Minerals Summit in Islamabad, Mr. Sharif said that the two countries can no longer settle disputes through war.

"We have nothing against anybody. We have to look after our own self. Build our nation. Even with our neighbour, we are prepared to talk to them provided that the neighbour is serious to talk serious matters on the table. Because war is no longer an option. Pakistan is a nuclear power, not for aggression but for our defence purposes," said Mr. Sharif, addressing an international audience

India is yet to respond to the remarks from Mr. Sharif.

This is the second offer of dialogue he has made in the past six months during which Pakistan has witnessed political upheaval .

He said war and violence in South Asia had harmed the development process in the region.

"God forbid if there is a nuclear flashpoint, who will live to tell the tale. So war is not an option," Mr. Sharif said. "But it is equally important that our neighbour has to understand that we cannot become normal neighbours unless abnormalities are removed, our serious issues are understood and addressed through peaceful and meaningful discussion."

Lok Sabha passes Bill on birth registration

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023 that paves the way for digital birth certificates which will be a single document to be used for admission to educational institutions, applications for driving licences, government jobs, passports or Aadhaar, voter enrolment, and registration of marriage, and others.

This will "avoid multiplicity of documents to prove the date and place of birth in the country," said the statement.

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that all States had consented to the provisions of the legislation that was also put up for consultation in public domain.

As reported first by *The Hindu*, the database will also update the National Population Register, ration cards, property registration.

Government introduces Delhi services Bill in the Lok Sabha amid vociferous protests

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid vociferous protests by the Opposition members, the Union government on Tuesday introduced a contentious Bill in the Lok Sabha to replace the Ordinance over control of Delhi services.

In the post-lunch session, the government managed to pass the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, and the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order Amendment Bill after a brief discussion.

The introduction of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, which gives the Delhi Lieutenant-Governor the final say on the transfer and posting of officials of the Delhi government, evoked sharp responses.

The Bill gives Delhi L-G the final say on the transfer and posting of officials of the Delhi govt.

While the Opposition termed it a "murder of democracy", Home Minister Amit Shah hit back calling the charges "politically motivated".

The Bill, which seeks to reverse the effect of a May 11 Supreme Court verdict that gave the Delhi government control over administrative services, was introduced by Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai on behalf of Mr. Shah.

Supporting the Aam Admi Party (AAP), Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the Bill was an "outrageous infringement" of the powers of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government. Trinamool member Saugata Roy added that the Bill was brought only to overturn the Supreme Court order.

Through a May 19 Ordinance, the Centre had created an authority for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers in Delhi.

Revolutionary Socialist Party member N.K. Premachandran, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen member Asaduddin Owaisi and Congress member Shashi Tharoor questioned the legislative competence of the government. "It is against the principles of federalism envisaged in the Constitution of India," Mr. Premachandran said.

BJD support ensures Bill's passage in Rajya Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a boost to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Tuesday declared its support for the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, a decision that will help ease the Bill's passage in the Rajya Sabha as well, where the numbers game is much tighter.

Rajya Sabha passes the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Bill

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha passed the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023, on Tuesday as INDIA members walked out.

The Opposition has been demanding a discussion on the Manipur ethnic violence since the monsoon session began. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar said he has given a ruling for a short-duration discussion on the issue but the Opposition has been insisting the debate under a different rule. They have demanded that the Prime Minister make a statement in the House.

Minister of State Cooperation B.L. Verma moved the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2023, for consideration and passage in Rajya Sabha.

The Bill, which had been approved by Lok Sabha on July 25, 2023, was passed in Rajya Sabha by voice vote.

While replying to queries on the Bill, Mr. Verma said that the Bill provides norms for appointing employees, ensuring no nepotism practices exist.

The Bill seeks to establish a 'Cooperative Election Authority' with a view to introducing electoral reforms in the cooperative sector.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 77-78 /2023-24/SE/PHC/ALP /RT-2. **KIIFB Alappuzha package 5 Tranche 13:** WRD 004-01 and KIIFB Alappuzha KUTTANAD DRINKING WATER PROJECT PACKAGE-5-Package V, **EMD :** Rs. 5,00,000/-, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 19,518/-, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 22-08-2023, 02:00 pm, **Phone :** 0477-2237954.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer,
KWA-JB-GL-6-921-2023-24 PH Circle, Alappuzha

DR.YSR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, A.P., VIJAYAWADA-08
TENDER NOTICE (3rd Call)
No.01B/We/TS/DM2/23 Date: 31.07.2023
Sealed Tenders are invited for the following work at Dr. YSR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada.

Sl.No	Name of the work
1.	Supply and installation of high availability servers to IT section of Dr. YSR UHS, Vijayawada. Note: For further details visit **www.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- Dr. V. Radhika Reddy, REGISTRAR

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(Local Self Government, Government of Kerala)
Public Office PO, Trivandrum - 695 033
Empanelment of IT Service Partner (ITSP) - Application inviting for Empanelment of Companies for Partnering with IKM in Developing the K-SMART Application.
Information Kerala Mission invites interest from reputed organizations for Empanelment of Companies for Partnering with IKM in Developing the K-SMART Application. Details are available in IKM's website (**www.ikm.gov.in**). Last date of submission of response is 15.08.2023, 5 pm. Phone No.0471-2773100.
RO/01842/D3/2023/I&PRD

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, P.W.D., PUDUCHERRY
No.2971/PW/PH/DB-RWS-JJM-16/2023-24
Puducherry : 01.08.2023
PRESS NOTICE FOR e-Tender
e-Tender No.24/PHD/2022-23
On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited for the work of "Augmentation of Water Supply System for Mannadipet, Sompet and Mummarampet villages in Mannadipet Commune, Puducherry (2nd Call)" costing Rs.4,04,75,103/- (inclusive of GST). For further details please refer the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in** from 10.00 A.M on 01.08.2023.
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHD
No: 242/DIP/AD(Press)/2023-24

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P.O. Central University, Prof. C.R. Rao Road, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500 046. TS, India.
Employment Notification No. UH/Rectt./NT/2023-01 Dated: 31/07/2023
Applications are invited from Indian citizens for Group 'A' Non-Teaching positions on Direct Recruitment / Deputation basis in the University of Hyderabad.

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Matrix (as per VII CPC/ UGC norms)	No. of Posts
1.	Finance Officer	Level-14 (Rs.1,44,200 - 2,18,200)	1 (UR)
2.	Controller of Examinations	Level-14 (Rs.1,44,200 – 2,18,200)	1 (UR)

Last date for submission of online application is **31/08/2023** and for hardcopy of application by post/courier is **07/09/2023.**
For complete details, visit the University Website:
Place: Hyderabad https://uohyd.ac.in/non-teaching-project-staff/
Date : 31/07/2023 Sd/- REGISTRAR

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, BHUBANESWAR-751022
Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-2135/01/2023/ 23684 Date :- 31.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of Work (Approx.)	Period of Completion
1.	Proposed Construction of Intake well and allied facilities at Talajaring, Kalahandi.	₹1,178.00	09 (Nine) Calendar Months

I. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar-751022.	Bid ID.no. P&C/EST/ E-92/2023-24	17.00 Hours of dt.03.08.2023	17.00 Hours of dt.18.08.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal **www.tenderodisha.gov.in** as well as IDCO website **www.idco.in.**
CAD-1497: Sd/-Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0157/2324

e-mail ID - supenger_rbjyp@yahoo.co.in; Phone No.-06854-231528;
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE.
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B)-12/2023-24
No. 3628, Date. 27.07.2023

1.	Nature of the Work	: BUILDING WORK
2.	Total No. of Works	: 01 (One) No.
3.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.658.54 Lakhs As per works.
4.	Period of completion	: 05 (Five) Months as per sl no.04 of IFB
5.	Cost of Bid Document	: Rs.10,000/-
6.	Bid Security (EMD)	: As per Column No-06 of IFB
7.	Class of Contractor	: "A" & "SPECIAL" Class as per cl.no.05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility
8.	Date & time of availability of Bid document in the portal.	: from 11.00 hours of 05.08.2023 to 17.00 hours of 19.08.2023.
9.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal.	: 17.00 hours of 19.08.2023.
10.	Opening date of Bid	: 10.00 hours of 21.08.2023
11.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in .
Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore.
B-578 OIPR-34108/11/0014/2324

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Tender Call Notice No. IDCO:H.O./P&C/EST/E-2251/01/2023 / 23454 , Dt. : 28.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

1. Name of the Work : Construction of SFRC pre-cast pre-tensioned Compound Wall around IDCO land at Siha under Erasama Tahasil of Jagatsinghpur, Odisha.
2. Value of the work : Rs.199.54 Lakhs.
3. Period of Completion : 03 (Three) Calendar months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Tender Reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022	P&C/EST/E-91/2023-24	08.08.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.	23.08.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**
CAD-1496 Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0155/2324

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(A Unitary University Established by Govt. of Odisha)
PO- ENGINEERING COLLEGE BURLA, DIST- SAMBALPUR, ODISHA-768018, www.vssut.ac.in
No.VSSUT/Estt/ 1821 Dated 31.07.2023
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Online Applications are invited from prospective candidates for recruitment to the posts of Teachers for Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla. The details of the number of posts including required qualifications, eligibility criteria, specialisation, scales of pay, reservations, application form and other general information are available at **www.vssut.ac.in**. The applicants for the post of **Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor** are required to submit online application at **http://vssutrec.samarth.edu.in**. The last date for the receipt of applications at VSSUT, Burla is **31.08.2023**. The qualifications, eligibility criteria, experience, publications and age limit etc. as on the last date of submission of application only will be considered. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the applications or cancel the entire selection process without assigning any reason thereof.
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KK-134: OIPR-44006/11/0019/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 08 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below :

2.	Nature of work	:	**Bridge works**
3.	No. of work	:	**02 nos.**
4.	Tender Cost	:	**Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)**
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**A / Special Class Contractor**
6.	Available of bid document in the website	:	**From 10.00 AM of 02.08.2023 to 5.00 PM of 21.08.2023**
7.	Date of opening of Bid	:	**Dt.22.08.2023 at 11.30 AM**

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer, World Bank Project, Odisha.
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR
B-567: OIPR-34003/11/0019/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
No. 3579 / Date:- 01.08.2023
"e" Procurement Notice for composite Building Work

1.	Name of the Work	:	Building Work
2.	Total No. of Works	:	01 No. of Building Work
3.	Estimated Cost of the Work	:	Rs.430.73 lakhs
4.	Class of Contractor	:	
	a) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore up to Rs.20.00 Crores		A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crores up to Rs.50.00 Crores		Special Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of Completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.23 of 2023	05.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	19.08.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	21.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar.
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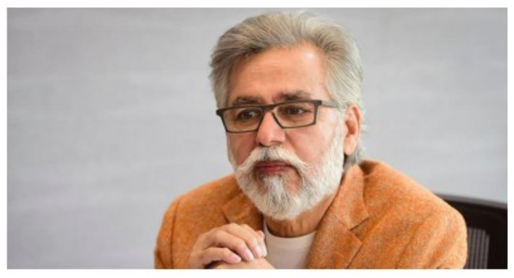

ED searches premises linked to Hero and its chairman

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted searches on the premises linked to Hero Motocorp Limited's executive chairperson Pawan Munjal and others in an alleged money laundering case. The company made a disclosure to the stock exchanges to this effect, saying: "Dear Sir(s), officials from the Enforcement Directorate today visited two of our offices in Delhi and Gurugram and the residence of our executive chairman Pawan Munjal. We continue to extend all cooperation to the agency." The ED is yet to make public the details of the case. It is learnt that the probe pertains to an investigation conducted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence with respect to foreign exchange.

Satisfied with police's probe against Brij Bhushan: minor

A minor wrestler, who accused BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment, told a court here on Tuesday that she was satisfied with the investigation conducted by the Delhi Police in the case. The minor did not oppose the police report that said a case was not made out under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, public prosecutor Arul Srivastava told *The Hindu*. "The submissions by the minor and her father were made before Additional Sessions Judge Chhavi Kapoor. The court has recorded their statements and the final order on whether it agrees with the report will be pronounced on September 6," he said.

RS passes Biodiversity Bill amid a walkout

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid a walkout by the Opposition, the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021, a week after it was cleared in the Lok Sabha. The Bill aims to amend the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and was drafted in response to complaints by traditional Indian medicine practitioners, the seed sector, and industry and researchers facing a heavy "compliance burden" and difficulties conducting collaborative research. Another aim is to simplify patent application processes.

The text of the Bill also said that it proposes to "widen the scope of levying access and benefit sharing with local communities and for further conservation of biological resources". The Bill also proposes to decriminalise offences under the Act and substitute them with penalties (between ₹1 lakh and ₹50 lakh and continuing violations can attract an additional penalty of up to ₹1 crore) with no imprisonment. While several members spoke on various aspects of the Bill, no member expressed serious dissent on its clauses.

Centre owes ₹6,366 cr. in MGNREGS wages to 18 States, Union Territories

West Bengal is owed ₹2,770 crore; Rajasthan ₹979 crore and Bihar ₹669 crore; the Centre also has a liability of ₹6,266 crore in the material component as it bears 60% of cost of raw material

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Union Rural Development Ministry informed Parliament on Tuesday that it owed ₹6,366 crore under the wage component of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to States.

There are a total of 14.42 crore active MGNREGS workers, most of them women, dependent on the wages to supplement their family's income. Of the total sum, ₹2,770 crore is owed to West Bengal alone. Invoking Section 27 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the Centre has blocked payment of over ₹7,500 crore to West Bengal for "non-compliance of directives of the Central government" since December 2021.

The MGNREGA states that wages must be disbursed on a weekly basis or at the most, not later than a fortnight. FILE PHOTO

MP raises query

These statistics were revealed in a question posed by Congress Lok Sabha member Ramya Haridas, who also asked the Centre to reveal how many beneficiaries were owed wages for more than five months now. The government replied that barring West Bengal, there is no pendency for more than five months in wage disbursal for any MGNREGS worker.

After West Bengal, the highest amount of funds for wages are owed to Congress-ruled Rajasthan, a total of ₹979 crore. Bihar, which is ruled by the JD(U)-RJD coalition, is owed ₹669 crore.

The Centre has pending payments under the wage component for a total of 18 States and Union Territories. Section 3(3) of the MGNREGA says "the disbursement of daily wages shall be made on a weekly basis or in any case not later than a fortnight after the date on which such work was done".

The Centre also has a liability of ₹6,266 crore in the material component to 30 States and Union Territories. It bears 60% of the cost of the materials used for MGNREGS work and the State governments provide the remaining 40%.

Domino effect

The delay in the material component has a domino impact, affecting future projects. When there are continuous delays in the material component payout, the local vendors who supply raw materials become reluctant to supply goods, thereby breaking the work cycle.

In material component payments, the Centre owes ₹2,813 crore to West Bengal, followed by ₹777 crore to Uttar Pradesh and ₹634 crore to Karnataka.

West Bengal to launch NREGS-like scheme

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

With the funds to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) stopped in West Bengal for almost 18 months, the State government is mulling over its own scheme for providing 100 days work to the people of the State. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has brought back her 2021 Assembly poll slogan '*Khela hobe*' (the game is on) for the reinvention of the scheme. She has said it will take a few months to bring out its modalities.

The development assumes significance as the new Board at the three tier panchayats after the recently concluded panchayat polls will be operational in the State from August 16. A 100-day work under the MGNREGS has remained one of the key schemes implemented through the panchayats, and the stoppage of funds since December 2021 has brought it to a complete halt in West Bengal.

Funds of ₹2,786 crore under the MGNREGS are pending with the Centre and no allocation was made to the State for 2022 and 2023. Lakhs of workers have been denied wages due to them.

SC to take up Sena case after Article 370 hearing

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday told Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Uddhav Thackeray that his case against an Election Commission (EC) order allotting the party name 'Shiv Sena' and symbol, 'the bow and arrow', to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will come up only after a Constitution Bench wraps up hearing a challenge to the dilution of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Wait for the Jammu and Kashmir matter to get over," CJI D.Y. Chandrachud addressed advocate Amit Anand Tiwari. The court had on July 10 listed Mr. Thackeray's case for hearing on July 31. However, it did not come up.

Most of the unclaimed bodies in Manipur are of infiltrators: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for both the Union and Manipur governments, on Tuesday told the Supreme Court (SC) that "most of the unclaimed bodies are of infiltrators".

His remark came towards the end of a half-day-long hearing on the violence in Manipur, before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud.

One of the parties had cited communication among the higher police authorities in the State about an "influx of infiltrators" from Myanmar, and that many of them were now untraceable.

CJI D.Y. Chandrachud

Ensure justice: CJI

"But at the end of it, the people who were raped and murdered were our people, right? Therefore, we have to ensure that justice is done, that is all," the Chief Justice laid down the court's stand.

Mr. Mehta intervened at this point, saying that "most of the unclaimed bodies are those of infiltrators... Those who came with a particular design and got killed... I don't wish to mention anything further and vitiate things..."

However, senior advocate Colin Gonsalves said, "118 tribal bodies are in the morgue in Imphal".

Appearing for tribal communities, he submitted, "The bodies are unidentified for months. They are rotting. We cannot go there to identify them. No attempt is being made to help us identify."

Identification efforts

Turning to the State, the Chief Justice of India said that the issue needs to be resolved. "These bodies cannot be kept indefinitely in a morgue," the CJI said.

The court asked the State to detail the efforts it has made so far to identify the bodies. It asked the Manipur government whether there was a nodal officer appointed to ensure that the dead of the people within Manipur were identified and their bodies handed over to relatives.

"Tell us how many bodies have been identified? How many residual bodies are there? What is being done to identify them?" the court asked the State government.

Relief money

Mr. Gonsalves highlighted that the families of victims who were killed in the violence had been promised ₹10 lakh each as part of a compensation package. "They are yet to get this," he submitted.

A lawyer said he hoped infiltrators would not take advantage of the relief.

"Ultimately, like in every scheme, for compensation, the beneficiaries are first identified. They have to meet certain yardsticks," the Chief Justice told the lawyer.

Manipur violence: Thoubal assault and missing girl cases among batch of 11 FIRs

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

In most of the cases, State government says 'probe is on in full swing', but no word on any arrests

A batch of 11 first information reports (FIRs), which the Manipur government is "ready" to transfer to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), includes complaints about the gang rape and murder of two temporary employees of an Imphal car wash shop, the torture of, and assault on, two women dragged out of a nursing institute, a CRPF officer's assault on a woman while in "full uniform", the vandalisation of a woman's rental room and the disappearance of a minor girl who never returned home from class.

The Thoubal incident of sexual violence committed against two women is part of the 11 FIRs. All the 11 cases are complaints of violence committed against women and children registered in the State from May to July. They were a part of the status report submitted in the apex court by the Manipur government on Tuesday.

The father of one of the car wash workers had filed the complaint about the death on May 4. It said the two tribal women were brutally raped at their rented house. They suffered "gruesome torture" by unknown persons who were part of a 100- to 200-strong mob. The State said the "investigation is in full swing". There is no word on any arrests made in the case.

Another FIR is a complaint filed by a woman about her abduction by four men to a hilltop on May 15. Three of them raped her. Then they started arguing about killing her. One of them tried to turn the car around and hit her. She "fell off the creek from that hilltop". She was later rescued by an auto rickshaw driver. The State said "efforts are afoot to identify the culprits and to cause arrest".

The incidents at the nursing institute happened on May 4 and two women concerned who were dragged out by mobs, harassed, abused and abandoned for dead on the street. Again, the State said the "investigation is in full swing".

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13933

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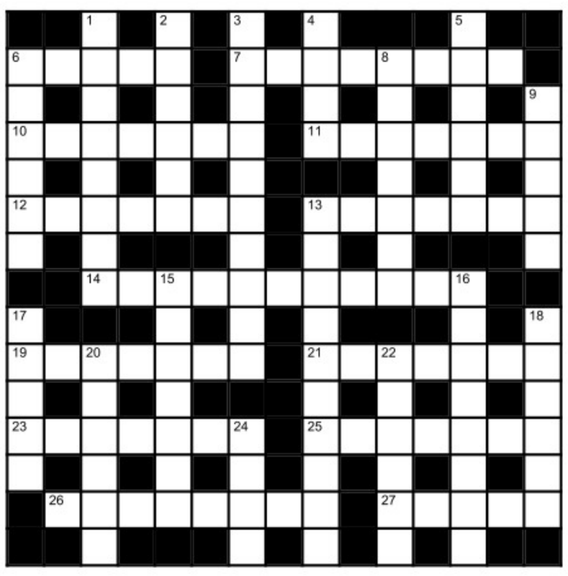

Across

6 Finished inducting latest Embraer as air carrier (5)
7 Taken separately few are say pots and kettles (8)
10 Used to calm the mind or never in use? (7)
11 After all the partying what did you get? The girl went off to her city (7)
12 First buds and then suds, it doesn't make sense (7)
13 Issue exposed along the old city (7)
14 Beat a hasty retreat - not even that, keep a word anyway (4,1,6)
19 Before going in, break free or he will blow the whistle (7)
21 Fiendish day, come in all upset (7)
23 Quickie about to come in, but it doesn't participate in the race (4,3)
25 Same problem, the French follow with a complaint (7)
26 Charlie loiters around the verandah (8)
27 Admit some of the spun wool is rejected (3,2)

Down

1 Are taproots used in this dish? (3,5)
2 Religious justice borders on hope (6)
3 Trade approximately (4,2,4)
4 12 is wrong shot (4)
5 Offered pound to collect river grit (6)
6 Red and blue, left out a banker (6)
8 Folded bank notes according to Spooner are spoiled (4,3)
9 Keen to get on with mate (5)
13 The spirit in rare army formation (6,4)
15 Mumbaikar aching to get some capital (7)
16 Irritating as left standing outside (8)
17 Brave to keep quiet about material (5)
18 Law on drink breaks down (4,2)
20 150 in front? It's too simple (6)
22 There is lot of grass here - drink with only woman (6)
24 List of things to be sent up in the generator (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Dhritarashtra's advice

After Dushasana's attempt to shame Draupadi fails, Dhritarashtra restores to Yudhishthira everything that he had lost in the game of dice. Yudhishthira is a man who keeps to the rules, even when he has been hurt. So, he asks Dhritarashtra what he should do next. Telling him to leave for his country with his brothers, Dhritarashtra blesses the Pandavas, and says they will always be prosperous. Yudhishthira knows about dharma, and also how to keep to it. It is one thing to know what dharma is. But it is adherence to dharma that is difficult, Kidambi Narayanan said in a discourse.

Yudhishthira knows how to cross hurdles in the path of dharma. He is respectful to elders. Dhritarashtra observes that when a person has jnana, humility comes to him automatically. Where there is humility, the tendency to pick quarrels is absent. "May you have peace," Dhritarashtra says. He says that in a forest, only trees face the axe. What he means is that trees have utility and therefore they are cut down. But thorny bushes are spared because they are of no use. Likewise, only a patient man is subjected to attacks. Dhritarashtra advises Yudhishthira that he should only think of the good in others and not let his mind dwell on their negative qualities. The ability to do so is a great asset. If a good man does someone a favour, he expects no quid pro quo, says Dhritarashtra.

MENTOUGOU

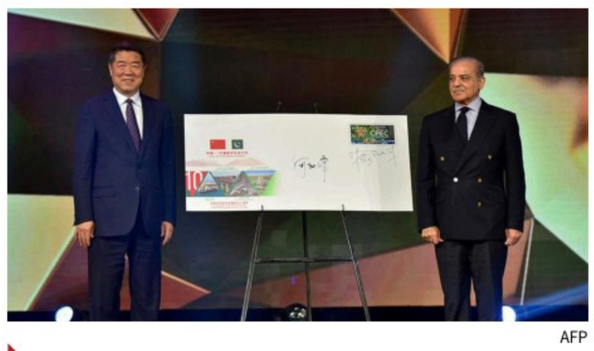
At least 20 persons killed and 19 missing in China rainstorms

AFP

At least 20 were killed and 19 were missing after heavy rains lashed Beijing and other provinces in downpours that have submerged roads and deluged neighbourhoods. Storm Doksuri, a former super typhoon, swept northwards over China after hitting Fujian province on Friday, following its battering of the Philippines. AFP

BEIJING

Xi says China will always stand with all-weather ally Pakistan



AFP

President Xi Jinping sought to project an upbeat image of the impact of the CPEC projects in Pakistan, saying the China-funded venture is a "testament" to their "ironclad friendship" and vowed to stand firmly with its all-weather ally. The two countries celebrated the 10th anniversary of the launch of the CPEC in Islamabad. PTI

LONDON

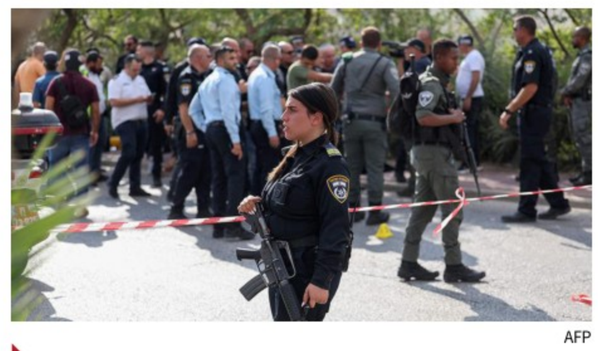
U.K. recognises 'acts of genocide' against Yazidis by Islamic State

REUTERS

The U.K. government officially acknowledged that the Islamic State committed "acts of genocide" against the Yazidi people in 2014. The Yazidis — whose pre-Islamic religion made them the target of IS extremists — were subjected to massacres, forced marriages and sex slavery during the jihadists' 2014-15 rule in Iraq. AP

JERUSALEM

Six Israelis wounded in West Bank shooting, gunman killed: police



AFP

A Palestinian gunman opened fire at a group of Israelis in a settlement in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday, wounding six persons before being shot dead, the police said. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed that the assailant, named as Muhannad Mohammad al-Mazaraah, 20, was killed by "occupation bullets". AFP

'Indian grant to be used in education, healthcare in Sri Lanka's estate areas'

We want to use the ₹75 crore grant for transformative change rather than aesthetic change in the lives of the Indian Origin Tamil community in Sri Lanka, says Jeevan Thondaman, Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

The recently announced Indian grant of ₹75 crore, for development projects targeting Sri Lanka's Malaiyaha [hill country] Tamils, will be used primarily for the education and health sectors in the island's long-neglected tea estate areas, according to Jeevan Thondaman, Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development.

"We want to use this grant for transformative change rather than aesthetic change in the lives of the Indian Origin Tamil community here. It is important that we create conditions for long-term impact," said the 28-year-old Cabinet Minister, who is also the General Secretary of the Ceylon Workers' Congress, the party of his late great grandfather Savumiamoorthy Thondaman, the iconic plantation Tamil leader and trade unionist.

Long due: Malaiyaha Tamils have a population of over a million out of which about 1.5 lakh continue to work in tea estates. FILE PHOTO

Speaking to *The Hindu* at his Colombo office on Tuesday, Minister Thondaman outlined the government's plan for upgrading old creches in the estates into early childhood development centres, converting virtually defunct medical dispensaries into cluster hospitals to provide better healthcare for workers, and setting up a university.

Ranil's visit

The grant, amounting to roughly $9 million, was among the announcements made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe's visit to New Delhi on July 21. It adds to India's relatively recent engagement in Sri Lanka's hill country.

The Indian Origin Tamils or Malaiyaha Tamils, as some in the community prefer to identify, has a population of over a million, out of which about 1.5 lakh continue to work and reside in the tea estates, two centuries after their south Indian ancestors were brought down by the British as labourers.

Highlighting the acute economic deprivation in the areas, Mr. Thondaman said: "If you look at malnutrition or stunted growth, it is the highest among the children in the estate areas. That is why I say we need to transform their reality, and that means focusing on crucial areas like education and health."

The proposed Indian grant-backed projects will be in addition to India's ongoing housing programme in the hill country aimed at building 14,000 homes.

'Duty of care'

Mr. Thondaman, who was part of President Wickremesinghe's delegation to New Delhi, subsequently met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in Chennai, and discussed prospects for investment and collaboration, especially in education. "I conveyed to the Chief Minister our commemoration of the 200th year of Indian Origin Tamils' arrival in Sri Lanka. As much as the Sri Lankan government has a responsibility towards our community, the governments of India and Tamil Nadu, too, owe us a duty of care," he said, referring to the Sirima-Shastri Pact of 1964. The "significant population of the community" residing in Tamil Nadu, he said, was "living proof" of the past injustices faced by the community.

Meanwhile, commenting on power devolution and the 13th Amendment that India unfailingly flags in talks with the Sri Lankan side, Mr. Thondaman said: "It is really the failure of our [southern Sinhalese] leadership to pitch the 13th Amendment as something that devolves powers to all provinces, and not as something that gives greater power to only Tamils. That is the reason that the Sinhalese see it as India-imposed, when what India really did [around the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987] was facilitate democracy."

Myanmar junta shaves off six years from Suu Kyi's 33-year prison sentence

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

Myanmar reduced ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi's 33-year prison sentence by six years in a partial pardon on Tuesday, as the junta struggles to quell bloody resistance to its rule.

The country has been ravaged by violence in the two years since Ms. Suu Kyi was deposed in a coup and hit with 19 criminal cases ranging from corruption to breaching COVID-19 rules.

There have been concerns for the 78-year-old Nobel laureate's health and the junta moved her from prison to a government building last week.

"Six years imprisonment will be reduced," junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun told reporters after it was announced she had been pardoned in five cases.

Tuesday's announcement was part of an amnesty of more than 7,000 prisoners to mark Buddhist Lent, including 125 foreigners who are to be released and pardoned.

Minor breather: Despite the pardon, Aung San Suu Kyi still faces 14 cases compared to the 19 ones previously. AFP

Ms. Suu Kyi still faces 14 cases despite the pardon. Rights groups have condemned the legal battle against her as a sham designed to remove a popular democratic leader from the public eye.

U.S.'s criticism

Meanwhile, the U.S. has denounced the move of Myanmar's ruling junta to extend a state of emergency for another six months, over two years after seizing power in a coup, and said the military regime has unleashed widespread brutality across the country.

Myanmar's military-led government has officially postponed an election promised by August this year after extending a state of emergency it imposed in the aftermath of its 2021 coup

"The U.S. is deeply concerned by the Burma military regime's extension of the state of emergency, which comes as the regime plunges the country deeper into violence and instability," U.S. State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller said.

U.S. presses Taliban on women's rights

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. officials denounced the deteriorating human rights situation in Afghanistan – particularly for women and girls – during a meeting with Afghan Taliban representatives in Doha, the U.S. State Department said on Monday.

The American delegation also expressed "deep concern" regarding the humanitarian crisis and the need to continue supporting aid organisations, a State Department statement said.

The closed-door meeting was one of the highest-level known gatherings of the U.S. and Afghan government officials in months, with the Washington team headed by Special Representative Thomas West and Kabul's by Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi.

An Afghan statement said the meeting underscored discussions between the sides on ending banking restrictions.

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Australia PM stands firm against U.S. on Assange's prosecution

Associated Press
CANBERRA

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Tuesday his government stands firm against the United States over the prosecution of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, an Australian citizen fighting extradition from the Britain on U.S. espionage charges.

Mr. Albanese's centre-left Labour Party government has been arguing since winning the 2022 elections that the U.S. should end its pursuit of the 52-year-old, who has spent four years in a London prison fighting extradition.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken pushed back against the Australian position during a visit on Saturday, saying Mr. Assange was accused of "very serious criminal conduct" in publishing a trove of classified U.S. documents more than a decade ago.

Julian Assange

On Tuesday, Mr. Albanese said, "This has gone on for too long. Enough is enough."

He told reporters that Mr. Blinken's public comments echoed points made by President Joe Biden's administration during private discussions with Australian government officials. "We remain very firm in our view and our representations to the American government and we will continue to do so," Mr. Albanese added.

Australia man charged with 1,600 cases of child abuse

Associated Press
SYDNEY

The Australian police on Tuesday charged a former childcare worker with abusing 91 girls in what officials are calling one of the worst such cases in recent history.

The 45-year-old man faces life in prison.

"This is one of the most horrific child abuse cases that I've seen in nearly 40 years of policing," New South Wales Police Assistant Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald said.

Australian Federal Police Assistant Commissioner Justine Gough said that the man was charged with 1,623 child abuse offecses that allegedly took place in Brisbane, Sydney and overseas over a 15-year period. The charges include rape and sexual intercourse with a child under 10.

The suspect allegedly recorded his acts on his phone and cameras.

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आं.प्र./ SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./e- Tender Notice No: PT-E-23-017,SHAR/CMD/AC/N 2387214/2023-24,PT-AC-23-018 तिथि/ Date. 31.07.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, **1. "शार–1 तक शार–2 ऐंटेना भवन में नए रैकों के लिए यूपीएस–1 तथा यूपीएस–2 की विद्युत आपूर्ति का विस्तार।" (अनुमानित लागतः ₹ 11.51 लाख); 2. "मौजूदाएसी उपकरणों के स्थान पर एयर कंडीशनिंग सिस्टम की आपूर्ति, स्थापना औरपरीक्षण" (अनुमानित लागतः ₹ 156.61 लाख); 3."प्रशासन और शार अस्पताल के यूपीएस और बैटरी कमरों के लिए एयरकंडीशनिंग प्रणाली प्रदान करना। (एयरकंडीशनिंग कार्य)" (अनुमानित लागतः ₹ 15.63 लाख)** के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **15.08.2023** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **1." Extension of UPS-1 & UPS-2 power supply to New racks at SHAR-1 and SHAR-2 Antenna buildings". (Estimated cost: ₹ 11.51 Lakhs); 2. "Supply, installation and testing of Air conditioning systems inplace of existing AC equipment". (Estimated cost: ₹ 156.61 Lakhs); 3. "Providing Air conditioning system for UPS & battery rooms of Admin & SHAR Hospital". (Estimated cost: ₹ 15.63 Lakhs)**. Tender documents can be downloaded up to **15.08.2023**, **14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / **Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR**

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Notice Inviting Bid

Bid for Construction of LILO of 220 kV S/C Bhiwadi (400 kV GSS PGCIL)-Neemrana (220 kV GSS) line at proposed 220 kV GSS Karoli (Approx. 6 km) (On Turnkey Basis) including survey, supply of all Equipments/Materials, Erection (including civil works), Testing and Commissioning against BN-9018002304 & UBN:VPN2324WSOB01094 are invited from interested bidders up to 06:00 PM on 28.08.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state; and **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl** departmental website.

Superintending Engineer
Raj.Samwad/C/23/6761 **RRVPN/TR-5963/2023** **(Contracts-I), Jaipur**

Office of The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Zone, Kota

क्रमांक: F.68/CEWRZ/RPS&JS/e-NIB-10/2023-24/8308-16 दिनांक: 22-07-2023

Short term e-NIB No.-10/2023-24

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, e-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors for the work(s) for **"Construction of Utrana Micro Lift Irrigation Project, Tehsil Indragarh, District-Bundi"** for the period of 24 Months **(estimated cost 1687.00 lacs)** is invited from interested bidders from 24.07.2023 (9:30 Hr) to 03.08.2023 till 18:00 Hr. Other Particulars, terms and conditions may be seen on the procurement portal htpps://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & htpps://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in and www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in
UBN No:- WRD2324WLOB00828

Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/11063 Water Resources Zone, Kota

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-05/138/2023-24 **Date:01.08.2023**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Class-I (Civil) Contractors registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience as per the schedule given below for the following work.

Name of the work: Providing Water Supply Scheme from Devenahalli Tertiary Treatment Plant (from Paly Junction)to Devanahalli General Industrial Area of Devenahalli & Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.(2nd Call).

Last date for submission of bids is: **31.08.2023 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants may download bidding documents from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 1

DIPR/CP/JA/739/2023-24

SUPPLYCO
KERALA STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD
MAVELI BHAVAN, GANDHI NAGAR, KOCHI - 20, KERALA
No. KSCSC/600/2023-P16 (PRCH) **PH: 0484 – 2206786** **Date : 31/07/2023**

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY OF POLY PROPYLENE PACKING COVERS

The Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (Supplyco) invites competitive tenders through e- tender system from the eligible bidders for the supply of Poly Propylene Packing Covers for a period of two years as per the terms and conditions of the e-tender.
Interested bidders may submit tender in accordance with the terms and conditions in the e tender website **https://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** on or **before 08.08.2023 at 10.00 am.** For further details visit the website. Digital signature is mandatory for participating in e- tender
Addendum if any will be published in this site only

Sd/-
Manager (Purchase)

INBRIEF

Wheels India Q1 net rises 25% to ₹13 cr. on growth in exports

Wheels India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 25% to ₹13 crore from the year earlier on growth in air suspension business and exports. Revenue increased 7% to ₹1,124 crore, the manufacturer of wheels for trucks, agricultural tractors and passenger vehicles said. "In Q1, amid a muted domestic market, exports were strong at 25% of our sales," said MD Srivats Ram. "There was a strong demand for buses in the latter part of Q1," he added.

Sundaram Home Finance Q1 net climbs 21% to ₹57 crore

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 21% to ₹57 crore from the year-earlier period. Disbursements increased 39% to ₹1,104 crore, the wholly owned subsidiary of Sundaram Finance said. "The growth in disbursements has been driven by our focus on expanding into remote towns in South India," said MD D. Lakshminarayanan. "The company opened eight new branches in tier-2 and 3 towns in Tamil Nadu," he added.

TTK Healthcare's continuing business Q1 net quadruples

TTK Healthcare Ltd.'s standalone net profit from continuing operations for the June quarter rose fourfold to ₹16 crore from the year-earlier period. Net profit after tax was ₹16 crore against ₹601 crore. The results for the previous year included profit from the discontinued operations (sale of human pharma division) of ₹597 crore after deducting tax expenses. Revenue from operations jumped to ₹202 crore from ₹193 crore, the healthcare company said in a filing.

GST revenues registered three-month high in July

Overall collections grow by 10.8% compared with July 2022, marking the slowest recorded growth since July 2021; Goods import revenues drop while revenues from domestic transactions rise

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's gross revenues from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) hit a three-month high to cross ₹1.65 lakh crore in July. However, growth at 10.8%, was the slowest year-on-year increase in collections since July 2021.

Revenues from domestic transactions and services imports grew 15% in July, which marked the fifth occasion that GST revenues have crossed the ₹1.6-lakh-crore mark during a month. July's collections, for transactions undertaken in June, were 2.2% higher than the previous month's GST kitty.

The Finance Ministry did not disclose the trend for GST collections on import of goods, but back-of-the-envelope calculations indicate that there was a 0.8% decline in July from a year earlier.

Integrated GST collections on goods imports dropped by 0.43% to ₹41,239 crore, while GST Compensation Cess levies on goods imports dropped 15.6% to ₹840 crore.

"The past trend of six key States generating almost 60% of the nationwide GST collections continues in the current month as well," noted M.S. Mani, a partner at Deloitte India. He added that the Revenue department's drives to improve compliance were yielding results.

Going strong

GST revenue crosses ₹1.6 lakh crore for the fifth time on healthy collections from domestic transactions

- Revenues from domestic transactions and services imports grew 15% in July, boosting total receipts
- Calculations indicate there was a 0.8% decline in goods import revenues in July from a year earlier
- The past trend of six key States generating almost 60% of GST collections continues, notes an observer

July factory output growth eases to 3-month low, PMI shows

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) eased slightly to 57.7 in July from 57.8 in June, with output levels continuing to expand but at the softest pace in three months.

A reading of more than 50 reflects growth in activity and July marked the 25th 50-plus print, as per the PMI survey.

Export orders climb

New export orders accelerated at a pace that was the fastest since November, with firms reporting increases in fresh orders from clients in the U.S. and neighbouring countries Bangladesh and Nepal.

The 400-odd manufacturers surveyed responded to the increased workload by hiring more staff but the 'solid pace' of job creation was broadly in line with that seen in May and June, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Lift selling prices

Input costs rose at a nine-month high pace in July, with firms reporting higher costs for inputs such as cotton and labour. In response, manufacturers, who raised output prices at the fastest pace in 13 months in June, continued to lift selling prices.

Overall confidence levels among producers about business prospects a year ahead, were slightly lower in July than June.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,459	-0.10
US Dollar	82.22	0.08
Gold	60,430	0.13
Brent oil	84.72	-0.95

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2481.10	-11.10
Adani Ports	765.35	-12.50
Apollo Hosp	5032.40	-141.05
Asian Paints	3342.95	-34.40
Axis Bank	959.90	6.00
Bajaj Auto	4923.95	-7.45
Bajaj Finserv	1572.35	-25.95
Bajaj Finance	7269.70	-30.60
Bharti Airtel	891.65	1.75
BPCL	377.50	0.00
Britannia Ind	4817.35	23.40
Cipla	1178.35	3.35
Coal India	240.35	11.10
Divis Lab	3639.50	-44.80
Dr Reddys Lab	5667.05	26.60
Dummy - Jio Financial Services Ltd.	261.85	0.00
Eicher Motors	3415.90	50.40
Grasim Ind	1837.70	-11.75
HCL Tech	1138.50	21.80
HDFC Bank	1662.25	11.05
HDFC Life	642.75	-4.10
Hero MotoCorp	3102.10	-101.60
Hindalco	464.10	1.50
Hind Unilever	2551.10	-9.70
ICICI Bank	994.55	-3.75
IndusInd Bank	1394.60	-23.15
Infosys	1365.20	9.50
ITC	464.80	-0.90
JSW Steel	820.90	4.15
Kotak Bank	1850.00	-6.55
L&T	2666.65	-14.70
LTIMindtree Ltd.	4977.45	85.80
M&M	1493.35	18.15
Maruti Suzuki	9716.75	-104.00
NestleIndia	22593.70	40.40
NTPC	225.15	6.80
ONGC	176.70	-0.35
PowerGrid Corp	251.80	-14.25
Reliance Ind	2513.20	-36.05
SBI Life	1279.95	-2.20
State Bank	611.85	-8.35
Sun Pharma	1143.45	0.05
TataConsumerProduct	856.75	-2.55
Tata Motors	643.65	-0.65
Tata Steel	123.20	0.05
TCS	3452.05	30.60
Tech Mahindra	1143.50	28.00
Titan	3001.90	-2.15
UltraTech Cement	8281.80	-36.35
UPL	625.70	1.00
Wipro	406.95	1.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.06	82.38
Euro	90.05	90.40
British Pound	105.05	105.46
Japanese Yen (100)	57.48	57.71
Chinese Yuan	11.45	11.49
Swiss Franc	93.67	94.04
Singapore Dollar	61.51	61.77
Canadian Dollar	61.82	62.07
Malaysian Ringitt	18.15	18.24
Australian Dollar	54.37	54.59

Source:Indian Bank

RBI: 88% of ₹2,000 notes back at banks

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), citing data received from banks, said that the total value of ₹2,000 banknotes received back from circulation is ₹3.14 lakh crore up to July 31, 2023.

"Consequently, 88% of the ₹2,000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023, have since been returned," the RBI said in a statement.

The RBI had announced the withdrawal of ₹2,000 banknotes from circulation on May 19, 2023.

Maruti, Hyundai recorded single-digit sales growth in July

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India and Hyundai reported single-digit sales growth in July, with the SUV segment continuing to drive overall demand in the market.

Maruti Suzuki's domestic passenger vehicle sales rose 6% to 1,52,126 units last month, from 1,42,850 units in July 2022.

The company led the SUV space last month with wholesale sales volume of 46,620 units.

Rival Hyundai Motor India Ltd. reported a marginal increase in domestic sales at 50,701 units last month, from 50,500 units in the year-earlier period.

Tata Motors also reported a small increase in passenger vehicle dispatches last month at 47,628 units.

Mahindra and Mahindra saw a 29% jump in PV sales, with wholesales rising to 36,205 units.

And Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) reported its best-ever monthly sales at 21,911 units.

'Number of I-T returns rose 16% to 6.77 cr. by July 31'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The number of Income Tax Returns filed by the July 31 deadline touched a new high of 6.77 crore this year, or 16.1% more from July 2022, with 53.7 lakh filing ITRs for the first time.

Almost 10% of the returns were filed on July 31, the last date for filing without penalties, as per the I-T Department, which said the high number of first-time filers indicated a 'widening tax base'.

Chola Investment Q1 net rises 28% to ₹726 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd.'s (CIFCL) standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 28% to ₹726 crore from the year earlier.

Net income rose 30% to ₹2,127 crore, while net income margin declined to 7.3% from 8%.

Disbursements improved 50% to about ₹20,015 crore. Assets under management (AUM) stood at ₹1,22,755 crore against ₹86,703 crore.

Gross NPA reduced to 4.3% from 6.31%, while net NPA declined to 2.77% from 4.85%. Capital adequacy ratio (CAR) stood at 17.44%, CIFCL said.

'Top 10 defaulters owe banks ₹40,825 cr.'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's top 50 wilful defaulters owed banks as much as ₹87,295 crore as of March 31 this year, with the largest such borrower viz. Gitanjali Gems Ltd., owned by Mehul Choksi, uncle of fugitive economic offender Nirav Modi, accounting for more than 10% of the dues, the Finance Ministry informed Parliament.

Noting scheduled commercial banks had written off ₹10.57 lakh crore in the last five years as per RBI's provisional data, the Ministry shared the list of top ten wilful defaulters owing ₹40,825 crore to banks.

Apart from Gitanjali Gems, whose owner Mr. Choksi is yet to be declared a fugitive economic offender (FEO), the others in the list include Era Infra Engineering (₹5,750 crore), REI Agro (₹5,148 crore), ABG Shipyard (₹4,774 crore) and Concast Steel and Power (₹3,911 crore).

'10 declared FEOs'

To a query from MP Randeep Singh Surjewala on those booked under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act of 2018, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said the Enforcement Directorate had filed applications against 19 persons, of which only 10 were declared FEOs.

The amount of fraud involving them was more than ₹40,000 crore. "As on date, assets amounting to ₹15,113.02 crore have been confiscated and restituted to public sector banks."

Shriram General Q1 net up 37% to ₹98 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Shriram General Insurance Company's standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 37% to ₹98 crore, driven by higher digital selling of traditional and new combo products.

The insurer, jointly owned by Shriram Group and Africa's Sanlam Group, said in a statement that 82% of all its policies now come from online purchases and that it introduced three new products during the quarter.

Gross Written Premium grew by 39% to ₹560 crore, of which motor insurance was ₹497 crore, personal accident ₹28 crore and fire insurance ₹24 crore.

'Investments in fabs must increase for chip market to normalise'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The global semiconductor supply situation has eased a bit in recent months, but the overall market will continue to remain tight until more investments are made in fabs to manufacture semiconductors, said Guruprasad Mudlapur, Managing Director, Bosch Ltd. on Tuesday.

According to him, premiumisation of cars, a trend that is rapidly catching up in India, is rising which means far more electronic content such as sensors are being used in automobiles. He added that rising incomes were also driving growth in categories such as scooters, premium motorcycles and SUVs. Consequently, integrated chip requirements for two- and three-wheelers had gone up.

"A weakening of demand due to the global economic crisis has helped better distribution of semiconductor supplies across the world." Mr. Mudlapur said. "However, given the emerging demand from the automotive segment, the situation still remains tight. We have to see a lot of investments in fabs to make semiconductor chips," he cautioned.

Demand for gold drops 7% on high prices: WGC

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Demand for gold in India declined 7% year-on-year (YoY) to 158.1 tonnes in the April to June quarter due to record high prices of the yellow metal.

India's gold demand value in the quarter was ₹82,530 crore, an increase of 4% in comparison with ₹79,270 crore in the year-earlier period, according to data released by the World Gold Council (WGC) on Tuesday.

Total jewellery demand during the quarter decreased 8% to 128.6 tonnes, while the value of jewellery demand was ₹67,120 crore, an increase of 3% YoY.

Total investment demand decreased 3% to 29.5 tonnes YoY, while in value terms, gold investment demand was ₹15,410 crore, an increase of 9%, WGC data showed.

Total gold recycled in India during the quarter was 37.6 tonnes, up 61% YoY.

Total gold imports in India in the April-June quarter was 209 tonnes compared with 180.7 tonnes a year earlier, an increase of 16%, WGC said.

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Office of the Chief Engineer, RWS&SD, First Floor, "E" Block, KHB Complex, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 009, Ph: 080-22533700, e-mail: cerws14@gmail.com

No. RWSSD/2023-24/SE0046 Date: 01-08-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER INVITATION

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Govt. of Karnataka invites **Short Term Tender** in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) for **Providing Project Management Consultancy Services for Implementation of Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme in Tumkur District under Jal Jeevan Mission.**

The last date for submission of bids through e-portal is **16-08-2023 before 4.00 PM.** EMD Amount is **Rs. 1,19,000/-**

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority
RDW&SD, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/BCPL/735/2023-24

BELAGAVI SMART CITY LIMITED
1st Floor, BUDA Office, Ashok Nagar, Belagavi-590016.
Phone: 0831-2461352, E-mail: bscltd16@gmail.com, website: www.belagavismartcity.in

Tender No: BSCL/Quotation/Labelling/2023-24/376 Date: 31/07/2023

Notice Inviting Quotation Notification

On behalf of the Managing Director, Belagavi Smart City Limited invites rates quotation for "Supply, Installation and Commissioning Signages with Labeling for Smart City Works in Belagavi City". Vendors can submit their rate quotation inclusive of all taxes before 4.00 pm on 07.08.2023. Further details may be downloaded from the BSCL website www.bscl.in For more information, vendors may contact BSCL office during working hours at Belagavi Smart City Ltd, 1st floor BUDA Office, Ashok Nagar, Belagavi, Email id bscltd16@gmail.com Vendor are requested to submit had copies of competitive rates in closed with sealed envelope to the Managing Director, Belagavi Smart City Limited, Belagavi office.

Sd/-Deputy General Manager (Procurement)
Belagavi Smart City Limited, Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-225/KSMCA/2023-24

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Division, MEI Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560073

No.BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/02/2023-24 Date: 31-07-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (Short Term Tender)

ONE TENDER DOCUMENT SYSTEM (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only) - KW-1

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli division invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Put to tender amount (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD Amount (In Rs.)
1.	Repairs of Indira canteen cooking room in Bagalagunte in W.No 14.	3.23	8100.00

Calendar of events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from 05.08.2023. 2) Tenders must be submitted on or before 16.00 hours on 14.08.2023. and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. 3) Financial Bids will be opened on 16.08.2023 @ 16.30 hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division

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Or write to us at **customercare@thehindu.co.in**
Scan the QR code to register your feedback

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कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम अस्पताल, एजुकोंन, कोल्लम, केरल 691505
(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION HOSPITAL,
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India)
EZHUKONE, KOLLAM, KERALA - 691505
दूरभाष/Phone: 0474 – 2522454, 2529200 ईमेल/Email: ms-ezhukone.ke@esic.nic.in
वेब साइट/Website: www.esic.gov.in

No. 545/A/11/11/Gr. A&B/CHE/10/Adm Date : 31.07.2023

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION - WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

The Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital Ezhukone invites application for the post of medical officers on contract basis, for Senior Residents, Full Time/ Part Time Specialists in different specialties.

Date of Walk-in-interview - 17.08.2023 - 10:00 AM at ESIC Hospital Ezhukone.

For details, please refer our website **www.esic.gov.in/recruitments**

Sd/- **Medical Superintendent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: Sri.M.Vajrappa, S/o Late Muniyallappa, residing at No.56, 9th Main Road, Puttenehalli, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560078.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the non-agricultural lands detailed hereunder, situated at Cheeluru Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk (Presently Harhohalli Taluk), Ramanagara District.

Property No.	Extent in Sq.Mtrs.	Boundaries			
		East	West	North	South
367/536/335 (Old Sy. No. 536) E-Khatha No. 1529002043 01920308	4045.92	Land of Sri. Rajanna	Land of Sri. Rajanna	Land of children of Yadavanahalli Thimme Gowda	Road
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RETIRED FOR SURE

If Stokesy messages, I'm going to delete it, says Moeen

Moeen Ali, who had returned to international cricket ahead of the 2023 Ashes series has confirmed that the fifth Ashes Test was his last, as per *ESPNcricinfo*. "If Stokesy messages me again, I'm going to delete it. That's me done. I really have enjoyed it, and it's great to finish on it," said Moeen.

NOT QUITTING

Anderson firm on continuing playing after Broad retirement

English pacer Stuart Broad's retirement announcement has furthermore firmed the decision of James Anderson to continue his international career. "I am even more firm I want to keep going. I have had a really disappointing series by my standards. I have not got the wickets I would have expected from myself," Anderson said.

GREATER VOICE

Tiger Woods joins the PGA Tour policy board for the first time

Tiger Woods joined the PGA Tour policy board for the first time in his 27 years, giving Commissioner Jay Monahan key support and the players a greater voice as the Tour tries to complete its business partnership with the Saudi backers of LIV Golf. Monahan said Woods is joining as a sixth player-director on the board.

SQUAD READY

Windies recalls Hope and Thomas for T20I series against India

West Indies named a 15-member 'provisional' squad for the five-match T20I series against India, beginning on Thursday. **The squad:** Powell (Capt.), Mayers, Charles, Chase, Hetmyer, Holder, Hope *(in pic)*, Hosein, Joseph, King, McCoy, Pooran, Shepherd, Smith and Thomas.

After Gill-Kishan show, Samson and Hardik shine

The openers put on 143 inside 20 overs to set up the platform for the Men in Blue in the third and final ODI; the stylish Kerala batter's half-century and skipper's unbeaten 70 power the side to 351

INDIA IN WEST INDIES

Agence France-Presse
TAROUBA

India's batters finally fired as they amassed a formidable total of 351 for five against the West Indies in the decisive third and final ODI at the Brian Lara Stadium on Tuesday.

The openers set the tone for the innings after being put in with Ishan Kishan benefiting from an early dropped chance to belt 77 off 64 balls in an opening stand of 143, a new record for the wicket for India in ODIs in the Caribbean.

Gill circumspect

Shubman Gill was more circumspect in getting to a top score of 85 off 92 balls before falling to Gudakesh Motie, the left-arm spinner being the most economical as he conceded just 38 runs in his 10 overs.

With regular captain Rohit Sharma and senior batter Virat Kohli again being rested to allow for continuing pre-World Cup experimentation, Sanju Samson took advantage of the opportunity to smash 51 off 41 balls with four sixes.

Captain's knock

However his impressive mid-innings assault was surpassed by Hardik Pandya, the stand-in captain hoisting five sixes and four fours in an unbeaten 70 off just 52 deliveries. It was his knock that propelled India past the 350-run mark.

In this first-ever men's ODI to be played at the venue, the West Indies retained the same team which levelled the series with a six-wicket win in Barbados last Saturday.

As expected, India continues to explore its options ahead of the hosting of the World Cup although Ruturaj Gaikwad failed to take advantage of his opportunity at number three.

Unadkat gets a chance

Jaydev Unadkat, who was included in the ODI side for the first time in 10 years, was another beneficiary in India's bid to try out different players.

No looking back: Gill, who failed to capitalise on a start in the previous ODI, made it count this time. AFP

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Ishan Kishan st. Hope b Cariah 77 *(64b, 8x4, 3x6)*, Shubman Gill c Cariah b Motie 85 *(92b, 11x4)*, Ruturaj Gaikwad c King b Joseph 8 *(14b, 1x4)*, Sanju Samson c Hetmyer b Shepherd 51 *(41b, 2x4, 4x6)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 70 *(52b, 4x4, 5x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Cariah b Shepherd 35 *(30b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 8 *(7b)*; Extras (lb-5, w-12): 17; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 351.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-143 (Kishan, 19.4 overs), 2-154 (Ruturaj, 22.6), 3-223 (Samson, 31.5), 4-244 (Gill, 38.4), 5-309 (Suryakumar, 46.5).

WEST INDIES BOWLING

Seales 8-0-75-0, Mayers 4-0-25-0, Joseph 10-0-77-1, Motie 10-1-38-1, Shepherd 10-0-73-2, Cariah 8-0-58-1. **Toss:** WI.

West Indies in dire straits

West Indies was 50 for six in 14 overs with Athanaze batting on 19. King (0), Mayers (4), Hope (5), Carty (6), Hetmyer (4) and Shepherd (8) were out. Mukesh took three wickets, Shardul two.

The ultimate competitor with unwavering belief

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CHENNAI

Retirements in sport are tricky affairs. A swollen ankle, loss of form, youngsters snapping at the heels, selectors' cold gaze or a dip in love towards the 5 a.m. gym alarm, any of these could force that 'goodbye' decision. Sport being that unscripted life-throbbing entity, magical farewells are often elusive.

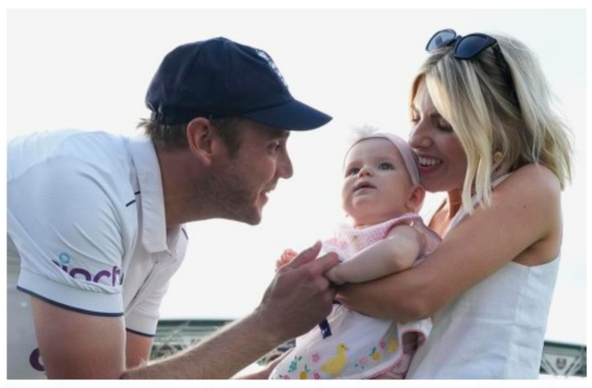
Sir Don Bradman was dismissed for a duck, Javed Miandad got run-out and many great players slipped at the last hurdle. To perform and equally contribute to a team victory is the stuff of dreams and Stuart Broad precisely did that at the Oval under the London skies on Monday.

Helping England level the Ashes at 2-2 against the 'old enemy' Australia was a fitting climax to Broad's storied career that is often juxtaposed with his great mate James Anderson. The two constituted an incredible fast bowling pair that ended up with more wickets (1039) than the much-feted earlier West Indian duo of Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose (762).

Anderson's surgical precision and poetic ruminations, and Broad's in-your-face attitude and ability to hustle, proved a combination that always tested rival batters. Anderson is obviously on the wane while Broad has decided that it is time to hang up his boots and perhaps catch up on golf and slip back into the commentator's box.

Fast bowlers have it tough as all those hard yards of running take a toll. Seen in that prism, Broad's longevity is mind-boggling. He did it his way be it the head-band, boisterous appeals, the snarl and the sledge and to top it all he had a doggedness even at the batting crease. He remained a hard-edged competitor till his last Test wicket – Alex Carey, before losing himself within Anderson's hug. A tally of 604 Test wickets and 3662 runs besides the scalps in ODIs and T20Is, mark Broad as a great player.

Even if for a large part he had to walk in the shadows of Alastair Cook, Anderson, Joe Root and Ben Stokes, Broad carved a distinct identity. It is to Broad's credit that be it the odd niggle, dip in form or those bruising phases like when Yuvraj Singh caned him for six sixes in an over during the 2007 ICC World Twenty20 or Jasprit Bumrah striking 35 in an over, the lanky 37-year-old always found a second wind. However, time waits for none and it is Broad's turn to bow out. He will be missed.



Time to unwind: Broad with his partner Mollie King and daughter after the fifth Ashes Test. AP

The Broad spectrum

	M	Inns	Wkts	BBI	BBM	SR	5WI/10WM
OVERALL	**167**	**309**	**604**	**8/15**	**11/121**	**55.7**	**20/3**
vs. Australia	40	74	153	8/15	11/121	54.4	8/1
vs. South Africa	25	46	89	6/17	8/99	56.7	2/0
vs. India	24	43	74	6/25	8/76	59.1	2/0
vs. New Zealand	23	43	94	7/44	8/108	53.3	4/0
vs. Pakistan	19	36	67	4/36	6/66	55.3	0/0
vs. West Indies	19	34	73	7/72	11/165	51.6	3/2
vs. Sri Lanka	12	23	33	4/21	5/78	75.4	0/0
vs. Bangladesh	3	6	8	2/31	3/135	76.5	0/0
vs. Ireland	2	4	13	5/51	7/79	26.9	1/0

He also scored 3662 runs in 244 innings with a highest score of 169 against Pakistan at Lord's in 2010

Adhiban and Priyanka progress; Harsha loses

Sports Bureau

B. Adhiban and N. Priyanka progressed to the second round of FIDE World Cup after coming through tie-break rapid games at Baku on Tuesday.

However, Harsha Bharathakoti lost out on an opportunity to play Magnus Carlsen in the second round after losing to Georgia's Levan Pantsulaia.

Adhiban produced glimpses of his best form in dismissing Andorra's Lance Henderson de La Fuente 2-0, winning the 25-minute rapid games in 40 and 25 moves. Adhiban plays Russian Daniil Dubov, rated over 125 points higher, in the next round.

In the women's section, Priyanka won the second rapid game against Italy's Marin Brunello for a 1.5-0.5 win. In the second round, Priyanka plays K. Humpy.

The results (involving Indians, Round 1, rapid tie-break):

Open: Levan Pantsulaia (Geo) bt Harsha Bharathakoti 1.5-0.5; B. Adhiban bt Lance Henderson de La Fuente (And) 2-0; **Women:** N. Priyanka bt Marina Brunello (Ita) 1.5-0.5. **Second-round pairings (involving Indians): Open:** S.L. Narayanan (2656)-Yuriy Kuzubov (Ukr, 2628); D. Gukesh (2744)-Misratdin Iskadrov (Aze, 2551); Abhimanyu Puranik (2605)-Peter Svidler (FIDE, 2688); B. Adhiban (2587)-Daniil Dubov (FIDE, 2716); Vidit Gujrathi (2719)-Dimitrios Mastrovasilis (Gre, 2587); Nihal Sarin (2688)-Alex Bachmann (Par, 2604); Arjun Erigaisi (2710)-Sergie Azarov (FIDE, 2589); R. Praggnanandhaa (2690)-Maxime Lagarde (2599); Karthik Venkataraman (2565)-Hikaru Nakamura (2789). **Women:** R. Vaishali (2431)-Pauline Gulchard (Fra, 2384); Mary Ann Gomes (2326)-Kateryna Lagno (FIDE, 2552); K. Humpy (2553)-N. Priyanka (2293); D. Harika (2500)-Michalina Rudzinska (Pol, 2257); Divya Deshmukh (2400)-Hoang Trang (Hun, 2402).

Red-eyed and excited, favourite India lands in Chennai for the Asian Champions Trophy

Uthra Ganesan
CHENNAI

The Indian team landed here early Tuesday morning and captain Harmanpreet Singh, suffering from mild fever for the past few days, was visibly exhausted as he, accompanied by coach Craig Fulton, had a first look at the newly laid turf and revamped Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in the evening.

The rest of the team will only get its first feel of the ground on Wednesday. While other teams, including Malaysia and Korea, made it clear that a tournament on a new turf so close to the Asian Games was less than ideal, Fulton and Harmanpreet preferred to look at the positives.

All set: The Indian hockey team on arrival at the Chennai airport early on Tuesday morning. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

"You can see it both ways. Injuries are always a concern but again, we needed these matches. We haven't played many games this year, so the timing may not be ideal but it was necessary," Fulton shrugged.

"We haven't actually seen it, we will train tomorrow. If it is playing slower, that is always a challenge for every team but we need to take into account that it's new. It's just like we played in Spain where they got a brand-new turf. The nice thing is that everyone's in the same boat."

The captain was equally circumspect. "It happens a lot but with back-to-back tournaments we normally get 1-2 weeks in-between. But this time, it is almost immediately. Also, it's a new turf so of course it will be difficult. Players take some time to get used to a surface, not just us. The teams will also be very different from the Europeans with very different patterns but it is good for us, we need the matches," he insisted.

And while the focus will obviously be on winning, Fulton claimed the priority was looking inward. "It's a little bit of chess at times, I think. The main thing is to know ourselves and know what we need to do and improve. Once you reach that level, then you can worry about everyone else."

Pakistan hockey team arrives in India through Attari border

Ready to rock: The Pakistan players landed in Chennai on Tuesday for the big event. R. RAVINDRAN

ANI
AMRITSAR

The Pakistan hockey team on Monday arrived in India via the Attari border to participate in the upcoming Asian Champions Trophy scheduled to begin on Thursday.

The event is held annually by the Asian Hockey Federation (since 2011). It features Asia's top six field hockey teams competing in a round-robin format.

"The team has travelled to Chennai to play in the Asian Champions Trophy and teams from all over Asia will feature in the tournament. Through sports, we hope to build a stronger relationship," said Pakistan coach Muhammad Saqlain.

Pakistan captain Muhammad Umar Bhutta said, "Sports is a good thing, it helps to build your relationship with others. There should be a lot of sports.

"People from both countries have big hearts and treat their guests well."

INBRIEF

United States stumbles into the pre-quarterfinals

United States squeezed into the last-16 of the Women's World Cup with a shaky 0-0 draw against debutant Portugal on Tuesday. Later Lauren James, *in pic*, scored twice and played a starring role as England swept past China 6-1

The results: Group E: Portugal 0 drew with United States 0; Vietnam 0 lost to Netherlands 7.
Group D: China 1 lost to England 6.

Treesa-Gayatri duo in second round of Australian Open

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand progressed to the second round of the Australia Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a 21-16, 21-17 win over Canada's Catherine Choi and Josephine Wu on Tuesday. Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto lost 11-21, 21-14, 17-21 to the Indonesian combination of Febriana Dwipuji Kusuma and Amallia Cahaya Pratiwi.

Sai Sudharsan's hundred helps South cruise past Central and maintain unbeaten run

The left-hander forges useful stands with Rayudu and Washington to steer the side home in style; East crushes West to reach final

DEODHAR TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
PUDUCHERRY

Sai Sudharsan is going through a purple patch every batter dreams of. On Tuesday, the 21-year-old Tamil Nadu player slammed an unbeaten 132 (136b, 11x4, 1x6) to help South Zone beat Central Zone by seven wickets in the final league match and maintain its unbeaten run in this edition of the Deodhar Trophy.

Chasing a target of 262, Sai Sudharsan started with some stylish flicks off Shivam Mavi in the PowerPlay overs against Shivam Mavi as he got his side off to a good start. He almost walked in as opener as skipper Mayank Agarwal retired hurt after a throw hit him on the leg at the non-striker's end. Sai Sudharsan forged a 69-run stand with Rohit Rayudu (37) for the third wicket, content to let his partner go for the boundaries. Once Rayudu got out, Sai Sudharsan took charge, cutting and pulling Karn Sharma for fours in quick succession to race to his century. He also found good support from fellow TN left-hander Washington Sundar, who kept it simple with a sensible knock (43 n.o., 58b, 2x4). The duo were involved in an unbroken 114-run stand for the fourth wicket as South cruised home.

Business as usual: Sai Sudharsan continued his stellar form with yet another hundred. S. S. KUMAR

Earlier, after electing to bat, Central made 261 for nine, thanks to Yash Dubey's 77 (99b, 5x4, 1x6) and Mavi's 22-ball 38 (3x4, 3x6). Dubey targeted the straight boundaries against the South off-spinners and reached his half-century in style, depositing off-spinner Mohit Redkar for a six over long-on.

But South fought back as Redkar (three for 51) and Sijomon Joseph took four wickets during the middle phase. Redkar trapped Rinku in front as the batter played down the wrong line while Venkatesh Iyer gave a simple return catch.

When Dubey sliced Arjun Tendulkar to the backward point fielder, Central slid from 167 for three to 183 for seven. Mavi then went after Redkar, smashing two sixes and a four in one over as his side scored 81 in the last 10 overs. However, it was not enough.

In another match, East hammered West by 157 runs. Riyan Parag (102 not out) and Mani Shankar Mura Singh (five for 28) were the architects of East's win.

The scores: Central 261/9 in 50 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 34, Yash Dubey 77, Shivam Mavi 38, Mohit Redkar 3/51) lost to South 262/3 in 48.2 overs (Sai Sudharsan 132 n.o., Rohit Rayudu 37, Washington Sundar 43 n.o.).

North East 101 in 32.1 overs (Langlonyamba Meitan 36, Mayank Markande 4/14, Mayank Yadav 3/21) lost to North 102/1 in 12.5 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 40 n.o., Himanshu Rana 52 n.o.).

East 319/7 in 50 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 38, Utkarsh Singh 50, Virat Singh 42, Riyan Parag 102 n.o., Kumar Kushagra 53, Shams Mulani 3/45) bt West 162 in 34 overs (Harvik Desai 92, Mani Shankar Mura Singh 5/28, Utkarsh Singh 3/16).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Isabelle puts on a winning display

Isabelle Hasleder, astride Lamborghini, won the EPL Prix St Georges Dressage event in the Equestrian Premier League conducted by Embassy International Riding School here.

The results (winners):
Show jumping: 130cm: Affan Ahmed (Snowman); **120cm:** Nitin Gupta (Vanilla Sky); **115cm:** Barath Manoharan (Bangie De Prissey); **110cm:** Barath Manoharan (Primo Quattro); **105cm:** Hansikaa Srinivasan (Lorenzo); **Open:** Harshiyt Arunkumar (Bellize Pong).
110cm junior: Thanush Gowda (Freezing Rain); **Open:** Saravanan Kandhansamy (Raja).
90cm sub-junior: G. Tanishka (Ak); **Open:** Rahul Rajesh (Tara);
80cm sub-junior: Aradhana Anand (Democratic); **Open:** Harsha Rajesh (Tara); **60cm children:** Aradhana Anand (Tara)
Preliminary Dressage:
Sub-junior: Kevin Gabriel (Furstentanz); **Open:** Omkar Akhade (Lambiek).
Pre-Novice junior: Aadya Esha (Paprika); **Open:** Isabelle Hasleder (Jack Daniels).
Pre-Novice sub-junior: Tasha Neethirajan (Sechs Richtige); **Open:** Isabelle Hasleder (Star Proof). **Junior:** Aadya Esha (Chase); **Open:** Isabelle Hasleder (Furstentanz).
Senior 2 Dressage: Open: Isabelle Hasleder (Lamborghini)
EPL Prix St Georges Dressage: Open: Isabelle Hasleder (Lamborghini).

Yashwant's ton highlights Swastic Union (2) success

Yashwant (100, 46b, 4x4, 9x6) powered Swastic Union (2) past Engrades CC in the KSCA Twenty20 tournament here.

The scores: Swastic Union (2) 216/6 in 20 overs (Yashwant 100, M.D. Taha 26, Aneeshwar Gautam 48, Keshava Reddy 3/40) bt Engrades 179/7 in 20 overs (S. Kishore 65 n.o.).

Sir Syed Cricketers 155 in 20 overs (Rohan Patil 43, M.S. Bhandage 50, Prasidh Krishna 4/36) bt Mount Joy 129 in 18.5 overs (B.R. Sharath 25, Akshan Rao 45, S. Punith 6/16).

Coles 170 in 20 overs (L.R. Chethan 47, Dheeraj Mohan 32, Kranthi Kumar 26, T. Karthik 7/32) bt Select Cricketers 106/6 in 20 overs (Daivik Nayak 51, D.M. Shashank 29 n.o.).

Jawans 89 in 16.2 overs (S. Nishanth 3/15, Docca Amogh 3/13) lost to Jawahar (1) 92/5 in 11.1 overs (Sourab Muttur 25).

Classy: Isabelle, astride Lamborghini, stole the show with multiple wins. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Bangalore Cricketers 123/8 in 20 overs (D. Bharath 36, R. Akshay 35, Rahul Prasanna 3/31) bt Rajajinagar Cricketers 118 in 19.1 overs (H.S. Sharath 42, Sanjay Ashwin 30, Kushal Pramesh 3/15).

Bangalore Occasionals 167/8 in 20 overs (R. Shishir 63, Varun Rao 33, Sharana Basava 5/14) bt Hammonds 80/9 in 20 overs (Varun Rao 3/19).

Bangalore United (1) 224/3 in 20 overs (Liyan Khan 53, Vinay Sagar 75, Abhinav Manohar 28, Lochan Appanna 40 n.o.) bt Dooravani Cricketers (1) 120/5 in 20 overs (M. Khaiser 63).

Eleven Brother's 120/6 in 20 overs (Syon Satvik 41, I.G. Anil 3/12) lost to Friends Union (1) 125 for no loss in 10.4 overs (Lochan Gowda 73 n.o., Stalin Hoover 50 n..o).

Maharana 105 for no loss in 20 overs (S.S. Adithya 3/27) lost to Social Cricketers 109/4 in 11.1 overs (K.V. Aneesh 51 n.o.).

Bangalore SC 152/6 in 20 overs (Aryan Inchal 52, B.C. Vinay 39, J. Karthik 26) lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana 156/4 in 19.1 overs (Samith Prabhu 67).

Herons 99/6 in 20 overs (Aditya Mani 34, K. Shashikumar 3/20) lost to Swastic Union (1) 91/1 in 10.4 overs (Jeswanth Acharya 58 n.o., S. Rakshith 28 n.o.).

Jupiter CA 96 in 19.1 overs (Rohith Sundar 3/8) lost to Jawahar (2) 97/2 in 13.2 overs (K. Rakshith 55 n.o., M.P. Samarth 29).

Friends Union (2) 150/6 in 20 overs (Naveen Bala 37, Vishnu Viran 41) lost to Chintamani SA 151/5 in 18.3 overs (R. Badrinaryanan 36, Anas Sheikh 84 n.o.).

Wilson Garden 128/6 in 20 overs (Pavan 28, Himadri 53) lost to Vijaya 132/6 in 18.4 overs (Swapnil Yelave 47, N. Yash 34 n.o., Neeraj 3/25).

Whirlwind Cricketers 89/9 in 20 overs (Praveen Kumar 3/20) lost to Young Lions 93/3 in 15.2 overs (Pavan Kumar 39, P. Pramodh 33).

Modern 127/6 in 20 overs (Premnath Gode 28, M.R. Jayanth 38, Sinan Khader 4/19) bt Visweswarapuram (1) 107 in 19.2 overs (Pranav Aswath 3/12).

Ahan shines in Vijaya CC's facile win

K.P. Ahan (94) took Vijaya CC to a nine-wicket win over Mount Joy in the KSCA under-16 inter-club tournament here.

The scores:
Swastic Union (1) 126 in 39.3 overs (Ishaan Yathiraj 31, A.G. Gurucharan 25 n.o., Aarush Somani 5/24, Abhinav Nag 3/43) lost to Friends Union (1) 127/1 in 24.4 overs (Arsh Arora 52 n.o., Dhruv Modhe 51 n.o.).

Mount Joy 163 in 49.4 overs (Amogh Shetty 32, Syaamantak Anirudh 56, Shivkumar Basidoni 3/45) lost to Vijaya 167/1 in 26.5 overs (K.P. Ahan 94, Dhruv Krishnan 54 n.o.).

Young Lions 184 in 46.3 overs (H. Nihal 34, Karan Raghavendra 60, Aravind Potti 25, Tharun Kumar 4/33) bt Eminent Cricketers 87 in 29.2 overs (Sunny Kanchi 3/23, Pratap Singh 3/26).

Vultures 171 in 44.2 overs (T. Amruthraj 61, Tejas Reddy 57, Vedant Kumar 3/11) bt Dooravani Cricketers (1) 117 in 32.5 overs (Vedant Kumar 27, K.S. Mokhit 5/29).

Super Division football league from Aug. 5

The Super Division football league will commence at Bangalore Football Stadium here on Saturday.

The tournament, sponsored by Infiniti, will see 12 teams competing for top honours. The winner will receive ₹25,000 and the runner-up ₹15,000.

FAPS routs Chinmaya Vidyalaya

Frank Antony PS whipped Chinmaya Vidyalaya 8-0 in the Centenary Shield under-17 section of the St. Joseph's Boys' High School inter-school hockey tournament here.

The results:
Centenary Shield (under-17): FAPS 8 (Adam Beatly 2, 13, 16, Angad Pravin 4, 32, G. Suraj 11, Ethan Lye 28, Swayam Ganapathy 35) bt Chinmaya Vidyalaya 0; Greenwood HS 2 (Nayan Gowda 17, Advaith Reddy 35) bt Vidyashilp Academy 2 (Rohan Ranjit 28, Aayush Aravind 31).
Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial (under-14): Greenwood HS 1 (Mohit Harish 32) bt FAPS 0.

Customs & GST posts win

Customs & GST defeated KSP 5-2 in the 7th Hockey Karnataka league here.

The results: Sports Authority of India 3 (Dhanush Kaveriappa 52, 59, Reddy Kiran 56) drew with DYES 'A' 3 (Pranam Gowda 17, 21, Prajwal Bijwad 33).
Customs & GST 5 (K.D. Biddappa 3, Advaith Nachappa 28, P.L. Thimmanna 32, 52, I.R. Nachappa 43) bt KSP 2 (Kumar Gokavi 41, N.B. Pradeep 50).

LIVE TELECAST

Football: Women's World Cup, FanCode, 12.30 & 3.30 p.m.

Briar Ridge triumphs

HYDERABAD: Trainer K.S.V. Prasad Raju's ward Briar Ridge (Santosh Raj N R up) claimed the Osman Sagar Cup, the chief event of Tuesday's (Aug. 1) races. The winner is owned by M/s. Teegala Vijender Reddy, Teegala Sumant Reddy & Ashok Ranpise. Prasad Raju saddled two more winners on the day.

1. TENACITY PLATE: BLUE LABEL (R.S. Jodha) 1, Sorry Darling (Surya Prakash) 2, Ar Superior (P. Sai Kumar) 3 and Riffa (Md. Ismail) 4. 1, 1/2 and 1/2. Im, 16.90s. ₹70 (w), 16, 15 and 20 (p). SHP: 55, THP: 55, SHW: 45 and 28, FP: 387, Q: 195, Tanala: 2,509. Favourite: My Master. Owners: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

2. CON AMORE PLATE: ALEXINA (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Pontefract (Afroz Khan) 2, Colt Pistol (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Thunder Knight (Neeraj) 4. 5, 2 and Shd. 1m, 7.95s. ₹14 (w), 11, 54 and 13 (p). SHP: 154, THP: 34, SHW: 11 and 97, FP: 498, Q: 280, Tanala: 1,007. Favourite: Alexina. Owner: Mr. Ashok Ranpise. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.
Note: Soon after the start, Happy Soul and Chivalry dislodged their riders Surya Prakash and Nakhat Singh respectively. Both the jockeys escaped unhurt.

3. P.M. BOKDAWALLA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II): BRILLIANT STAR (Yash Narredu) 1, Rising Queen (Md. Ismail) 2, Malibu (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 3 and Star Racer (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 4. 5-3/4, 2-1/2 and 4. 1m, 14. 6s. ₹11 (w), 11, 31 and 12 (p). SHP: 132, THP: 29, SHW: 10 and 63, FP: 130, Q: 106, Tanala: 474. Favourite: Brilliant Star. Owners: Mr. Prabhakar Chowdary Tripuraneni, Mr. Tripuranenivenkata Aditya Choudary and Mr. Teja Gollapudi. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

4. ADILABAD PLATE (DIV. I): ENABLING (Akshay Kumar)1, Reigning Beauty (S. Saqlain) 2, Yaletown (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 3 and Splendour On Grass (Mohit Singh) 4. 5, 1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 7.76s. ₹15 (w), 10, 11 and 20 (p). SHP: 35, THP: 52, SHW: 10 and 20, FP: 44, Q: 30, Tanala: 244. Favourite: Enabling. Owners: Mr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla & Mrs. Natasha A. Poonawalla rep. Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

5. P.M. BOKDAWALLA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I): KENAF (Afroz Khan) 1, Garnet (A.A. Vikrant) 2, Pal Cha (B. Nikhil) 3 and Beauty Flame (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 4. 5-3/4, 1-1/4 and 3-1/4. 1m, 14.67s. ₹14 (w), 10, 13 and 13 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 27, SHW: 11 and 11, FP: 32, Q: 24, Tanala: 97. Favourite: Kenaf. Owners: Mr. Hari Sharan Devgan, Mr. Rajesh Sanghani & Mr. G.B. R. Prasad. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

6. ADILABAD PLATE (DIV. II): COMMANDING KNIGHT (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Adbhut (Mr. Ekram Alam) 2, Its On (D.S. Deora,) 3 and Fresh Hope (Shivansh) 4. Not run: Calista Girl. Shd, 5-1/2 and 5. 1m, 8.12s. ₹18 (w), 10, 10 and 18 (p). SHP: 26, THP: 45, SHW: 10 and 15, FP: 40, Q: 13, Tanala: 82. Favourite: Adbhut. Owners: Mr. G. Lakshmi Prasad & Mr. Sudheer Pogaku. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju. *Note: Divine Connection dropped her rider R.S. Jodha soon after the start and he escaped unhurt.*

7. OSMAN SAGAR CUP: BRIAR RIDGE (Santosh Raj N R) 1, Beauty Blaze (Akshay Kumar) 2, Morior Invictus (Surya Prakash) 3 and Miss Little Angel (Abhay Singh) 4. 3/4, 2-1/4 and 3/4. Im, 14.23s. ₹326 (w), 53, 15 and 90 (p). SHP: 37, THP: 292, SHW: 88 and 12, FP: 2,385, Q: 509, Tanala: 79, 205. Favourite: Carlisle. Owners: M/s. Teegala Vijender Reddy, Teegala Sumant Reddy & Ashok Ranpise. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

8. SCARLET PRINCE PLATE: WORCESTER (Akshay Kumar) 1, Lucky Zone (P. Aheeth Kumar) 2, Proud Mary (A. Imran Khan) 3 and Muaser (P. Sai Kumar) 4. Not run: Golden Gazelle and Flashing Memories. 2, 2-1/4 and 4-1/4. 1m, 28.57s. ₹26 (w), 10, 16 and 11 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 62, SHW: 11 and 40, FP: 119, Q: 87, Tanala: 391. Favourite: Proud Mary. Owners: Mr. M. Ramakrishna Reddy & Mr. Bharat Venkat Epur. Trainer: L. D'Silva.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹2,489 (140 tkts.) & 30%: 460 (324 tkts.); Mini Jackpot: (i) 29 (1,318 tkts.), (ii) 2,078 (24 tkts.); Treble: (i) 124 (346 tkts.), (ii) 21 (1,004 tkts), (iii) 1,127 (33 tkts.).

SNAPSHOTS

Chhetri, Jhingan and Gurpreet in India squad

NEW DELHI: Sunil Chhetri, Sandesh Jhingan and Gurpreet Singh Sandhu were on Tuesday named in a 22-member Indian men's football squad for the Hangzhou Asian Games.

The squad: Goalkeepers: Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Gurmeet Singh, Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem. **Defenders:** Sandesh Jhingan, Anwar Ali, Narender Gahlot, Lalchungnunga, Akash Mishra, Roshan Singh, Ashish Rai. **Midfielders:** Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, Suresh Singh Wangjam, Apuia Ralte, Amarjit Singh Kiyam, K.P. Rahul, Naorem Mahesh Singh. **Forwards:** Siva Sakthi Narayanan, Rahim Ali, Sunil Chhetri, Aniket Jadhav, Vikram Partap Singh, Rohit Danu.

Sift clinches women's 3-position gold

CHENGDU (CHINA): Sift Kaur Samra beat compatriot Ashi Chouksey by 1.3 points for the women's 50m rifle 3-position gold in the World University Games on Tuesday.
Sift shot 462.9 in the final, after having scored the second-best 1180, in the old format of qualification of 120 shots.
India was on top of the shooting medals table with eight gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

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The results:
Shooting: 10m air pistol: 1. Hu Kai (Chn) 240.4 (587); 2. Llim ojjin (Kor) 240.1 (582); 3. Pavel Schejbal (Cze) 219.6 (578); 7. Varun Tomar 136.2 (582); 13. Arjun Singh Cheema 575; 15. Anmol Jain 573.
Team: 1. Korea 1742 (67x); 2. China 1742 (61x); 3. India (Varun, Arjun, Anmol) 1730.
25m sports pistol: Women: 1. Yang Jin (Kor) 36 (582); 2. Sara Fabian (Hun) 30 (576); 3. Xxiong Yaxuan (Chn) 26 (581); 9. Manu Bhaker 573; 11. Abhidnya Patil 572; 18. Chinki Yadav 566.
Team: 1. China 1735; 2. Korea 1729; 3. Iran 1727; 4. India 1711.
50m rifle 3-position: Women: 1. Sift Kaur Samra 462.9 (1180); 2. Ashi Chouksey 461.6 (1174); 3. Wang Zeru (Chn) 451.1 (1180); 8. Manini Kaushik 403.9 (1173).
Team: 1. India (Ashi, Manini, Sift) 3527; 2. China 3525; 3. Czech Republic 3501.

Full marks to Stokes and Cummins — and lessons for India

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It was not just two teams playing cricket in the Ashes series, it was two philosophies facing off, two systems asking the (cricketing) world to choose between them.

In the end, 2-2 was a fair result; after all, the effects of a revolution may not last as long as gradual transformations do. And Bazball needs tweaking, so a 1-3 loss would have been a setback for Ben Stokes, Brendon McCullum and their mission to win entertainingly.

Combination works best

It was the future versus the past, the possible versus the tested. Ironically, when trying to win, each team had to adapt the other's philosophy, however briefly. And that is the beauty of the game. There is no one single road to success. Often a combination works best.

Stokes, looking like Moses leading cricket into a new world, said he hopes England's performance has inspired a new generation.

We won't know how close he came to ditching Bazball after Australia went 2-0 up; but it seemed he and England were too deeply invested in it to withdraw abruptly.

That England could have won 3-2 but for rain in Manchester is justification enough. Moral victories in sport are meaningless when it's all about what the score card says.

Two to tango

On the final day of the series, Australia already ahead 2-1 and with the Ashes safely in hand, still tried to win. It takes two captains to make a memorable series, and Australia's Pat Cummins, standard bearer of traditional Test cricket decided to go for the runs rather than play out time for a draw.

As wickets started falling, a fan watching from England sent me this message: "Cricket is the greatest sport in the world." It was hard to argue with that.

England's strike rate through the series was 74, Australia's 51; England played against the better bowling attack, though.

Taking a slanted view

Bazball requires a slightly slanted way of looking at winning and losing. It can be argued that sport is as much about winning as it is about entertaining the spectator. However, when you entertain but fail to get over the line – England's lot in the first two Tests – then questions will be asked.

No change in tactics

It is to England's credit that they didn't switch tactics after those defeats, and revert to an attritional style, waiting for the other team to fail rather than provoking that failure.

Australia showed that Bazball could be countered tactically.

Cricket is a game of time and space, and sometimes keeping the other team in the field for long, and trying to tire out their bowlers can be productive.

But not scoring at a good clip means, as they discovered, that when wickets begin to fall there aren't enough runs on the board. England's pace of scoring means they give the other team a chance to get back into the game; both tactics need to meet at a balancing point.

Bazball and investing in talent

What does Bazball mean for India? In recent years, especially when playing away from home, India have played a positive brand of cricket.

Which is why their over-reliance on spinning tracks at home seems incongruous.

The implication – that India can only win on spinning tracks – has been shown to be untrue with regular victories abroad, the runs made at a fair clip if not with the single-mindedness of the England batting.

England also showed – a lesson India seems to forget often – that investing in talent and giving a player confidence will be vindicated when it matters.

Zak Crawley was seen as a disastrous selection, but his 480 runs has been topped only once before by an England player in a home Ashes series. England have been struggling for an opening pair but now Crawley and Ben Duckett have established themselves.

In contrast, a couple of failures in an ODI series in the West Indies, and questions are being asked about Shubman Gill already. Coach Rahul Dravid had to clarify that Gill is a leading player in all formats of the game and put that potential turbulence to rest.

In January next, England begin a five-Test series in India.

It will be interesting to see if either team continues to go with their stated philosophy. Win at all costs or entertain at all costs?